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LOWEN'S DOGS.

The Woes of Dog Fancier—Pets Are Poisoned and Stolen.

[illegible] Lowen of East William street [illegible] dog fancier and is willing to testify [illegible] there are woes in the business, [illegible] some one poisoned one [illegible] favorites. Then another was [illegible] it went until most men [illegible] have gone out of the business [illegible]

Recently one of the dogs which had [illegible] from his home, returned, [illegible] not know where the dog [illegible] was not one of the best [illegible] had been rather indifferent [illegible] afternoon while he and [illegible] from home a wagon [illegible] drove up to his house, [illegible] to the stories of the [illegible] about the house [illegible] When Lowen and [illegible] home they found that [illegible] to the cellar had been [illegible] the dog which had [illegible] returned, had disappeared [illegible] where it had been [illegible] from the [illegible] his neighbors, that the [illegible] into the cellar [illegible] the dog. Lowen says [illegible] who really believed that [illegible] had called on him [illegible] he would have [illegible] other and would have [illegible] but he does object [illegible] home and breaking [illegible] and carrying away [illegible] positive is his own [illegible]

FUNERALS.

TRAUGHBER.

The [illegible] of H. L. Traughber were taken to M[illegible] Sunday afternoon and [illegible] will be held Sunday from [illegible] church at that place. The [illegible] will be at the Macon cemetery.

IRVING.

The [illegible] of Robert P. Irving, the [illegible] son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Irving, was held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 [illegible] the family residence on Herkimer street. The services were conducted by Rev. H. L. Strain, and Mrs. P. P. Howard and Miss Grace Hubbard sang.

The pallbearers were George R. Bacon, G. W. Rayles, Luther Barnard and William Surface. The interment was at Greenwood cemetery.

MUSSER.

The funeral of Adam Musser will be held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock from the Christian church in Harristown. The interment will be at the Harristown cemetery.

MOTTRAM.

The funeral of Alfred Mottram will be held Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock from Asbury M. E. church. Rev. T. D. Weems will officiate and the interment will be at Greenwood cemetery.

Sayings of Little Folks

Four-year-old Willie found a new way to keep a promise the other day. His older brother John hid their sister Nell's doll and told Willie not to tell where it was. Nellie came in later and a [illegible] where it w[illegible]

"I promised not to tell you," the little fellow replied.

"Oh, please tell," pleaded Nellie.

"No, I can't tell you, Nellie," replied the boy, "but I will tell mamma and you can listen."

"Now, I have an impression in my head," remarked the teacher. "Can any of you tell me what an impression is?"

"Yes'm, I can," replied a little fellow at the foot of the class. "An impression is a dent in a soft spot."

Fair and Festival

The members of the Hospital Aid society will hold an all-day fair and festival in the Arcade building on Tuesday, December 10. They will also serve a turkey dinner from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m. and supper from 5 to 7 o'clock p. m. The festival is given to swell the fund started in aid of a Protestant hospital. The public generally is invited to attend and enjoy a good dinner and at the same time assist in a good cause. There will be a large number of fancy articles offered for sale, many of them suitable for Christmas presents. Dinner will be served for 35 cents and supper for 25 cents.

Too Dense

Philadelphia Press: "But," hissed the heavy villain, "Suppose our plot should leak out?"

His miserable accomplice shivered at the thought.

"But it can't," cried the low comedian emerging at that moment from behind a stage tree, "because from now on the plot thickens, you know."

Safe His Life

Harper's Bazar: "Your husband is doing so well, madam, that I don't think it will be necessary for me to prescribe for him further."

"Oh, doctor! I am so glad. Now I feel sure that he is out of danger."

Births.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Williams, at their home, 1127 North Church street, Friday, December 6th, twin son and daughter.

Postponed.

The spiritual meeting has been postponed. There will be no services at the G. A. R. hall this evening.

Marriage Licenses.

Frederick Lindsey, Tuscola..........23
Mable Barnes, Decatur............17

Fraternal Tribune—Regular meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30 in K. of P. hall, Powers block. Election of officers.

Stove pipe, 10c. Scovill Co.

SHOT BY SON-IN-LAW

John Pliley, Farmer Near Emery, Killed Last Night At His Home By Willis Ray.

THE SHERIFF AND CORONER

Left For the Scene of the Murder at Midnight.

WAS QUARRELSOME MAN

W[illegible] was received in Decatur from [illegible] Thursday night about 11:30 [illegible] that John Pliley, a well known [illegible] living two miles northeast of that [illegible] had been shot and killed by his [illegible] law, a man considerably younger. S[illegible] Lehman and Coroner Dawson [illegible] for the scene at once. Only [illegible] particulars of the affair were re[illegible] in this city.

Ray, the man who did the shooting, [illegible] had given himself up. Caleb Hedges reported by telephone that Ray [illegible] come to his house and had re[illegible] the shooting himself.

[illegible] likely that the killing was the [illegible] of a family row. Pliley was a [illegible] between 40 and 50 years of age.

A letter received in this city Thursday from his daughter, stated that her [illegible] was making preparations to [illegible] for Ohio in a few days.

PLILEY'S RECORD.

John Pliley was regarded as an excellent farmer but was given to periodical [illegible] and during that time he was exceedingly quarrelsome and disagreeable. He came to this country from Ohio [illegible] twenty years ago and first settled [illegible] Monticello. From there he went to [illegible] for a few years and then returned to this county. He was employed by Sam Troutman, 906 West Macon street, [illegible] farm hand. He remained in this [illegible] for three years and then became a tenant on the place. Mr. Troutman says that when sober Pliley was a first class farmer. When he went on [illegible] farm it was with the expectation [illegible] remaining three years, but at the end [illegible] the first year he was refused a further lease. During a visit to town he drove to the home of Mr. Troutman and became extremely abusive and profane. He was told then that he could remain on the farm no longer than the end of the year.

NEAR EMERY.

From what could be learned last night Pliley then removed to Whitmore township and became a tenant on the S. Powers farm, where he has since remained. It appears that he continued to be quarrelsome. He is generally spoken of by those who know him as a peaceable and hard-working man when not indulging in strong drink.

ASSAULT ON ELLIOTT.

Two years ago, on the 30th day of this month, Pliley made a murderous assault on a man named Loudman Elliott in railway station at Emery. He used a heavy iron poker and for a time it was thought that the injuries he had inflicted would prove fatal. There was bad blood between the two men. Several years previous Pliley is reported to have threatened to kill his wife and daughter. Elliott was present at the house at the time and interfered to protect the women. When they met in the depot the old matter came up and hot words passed between the two. Elliott took off his overcoat and invited Pliley outside to fight, but he would not go. Elliott then picked up his coat and while engaged in putting it on Pliley made the assault. Elliott threw up his hand to protect himself and his wrist was broken. He received other injuries that incapacitated him for a time. Pliley was arrested and bound over, but the case never came to a trial in the circuit court. He had been indicted for an assault with a deadly weapon, but when the matter came up in court he was allowed to plead guilty to a charge of plain assault and got off by the payment of a small fine.

WIFE AND DAUGHTER.

Pliley is survived by a wife and daughter, aged about twenty years. The girl was married to Willis Ray about a year ago.

Scores of the Bikers

New York, Dec. 12.—The scores of [illegible] race at 2 o'clock this morning [illegible]

Butler and McLean, Newkirk and Moran, McEachern and Walthour, Ryan and Wilson, Babcock and Turville—1,828 miles and four laps.

King and Samuelson—1,828 and two laps.

Hall and McLaren—1,827 miles and [illegible] laps.

Lawson and Julius—1,827 miles and five laps.

Frederick and Jaak—1,827 miles and six laps.

Will Fight Hickey.

O[illegible], Dec. 12.—William Rourke, [illegible] of the Western league baseball [illegible] this city, says he will fight any [illegible] of Hickey to place the American [illegible] club of Omaha. Rourke said [illegible] he owned the franchise of the [illegible] association club in Omaha and [illegible] posted a forfeit of $500 to pro[illegible] interests. He intimated that [illegible] Hickey attempt to place the club [illegible] will resort at once to injunction [illegible]

Killed Negro Fiend

P[illegible] Tenn., Dec. 12.—Coleman Mitchell, [illegible] negro teacher, shot and fatally [illegible] his wife and set fire to the [illegible] The negro took refuge in a cabin [illegible] City Marshal Mills shot and killed [illegible] The woman was rescued from [illegible] burning house.

Kilpatrick is Guilty

St. Louis, Dec. 12.—In the United States district court, Ben Kilpatrick, the [illegible] train robber suspect, was sentenced by Judge Adams to fifteen years' [illegible] imprisonment in the state penitentiary [illegible] Jefferson City. Laura Bullion, in[illegible] jointly with Kilpatrick, was also [illegible] guilty, but was not sentenced.

Shipwrecked and Frozen

V[illegible]couver, B. C., Dec. 12.—Wrecked [illegible] Porter Island and forced to remain [illegible] without food, fire or shelter was the [illegible] terrible experience of two Japanese. One of them, Etsujiro Sauda, was brought to Port Essington, where his legs were amputated as the result of [illegible] feet.

Patrick Has Hearing

New York, Dec. 12.—Lawyer Albert T. Patrick, who is held at the Tombs awaiting trial on a charge of poisoning William Marsh Rice, was before Justice Beach of the supreme court yesterday on a writ of habeas corpus for his discharge or admission to bail owing to delay in putting him on trial. He looked spick and span and showed no trace of the confinement of more than a year in the Tombs. The hearing was adjourned until today. Lawyer F. D. Tuerner of Chicago will assist in the defense of Patrick.

Becomes Newspaper Man

St. Paul, Dec. 12.—Thomas Shaw, professor of animal industries at the state agricultural college, has resigned to engage in newspaper work. At the recent International cattle show in Chicago several animals exhibited by Professor Shaw's department were awarded prizes.

Fourteen Were Lucky

Kokomo, Ind., Dec. 12.—Tonight a wagon containing a party of eighteen young people of this city was struck by a freight train at the Main street crossing, killing Frank Keiffer and seriously injuring three others.

On Condition

London, Dec. 12.—The Brussels correspondent of the Standard cables that Kruger has been informed of the willingness of some powers to intervene in South Africa, if the Boer leaders will accept autonomy under the supremacy of Great Britain.

Donation Accepted

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 12.—The board of trustees of Shurtleff college at Upper Alton, Ill., have decided to accept the offer of $12,000 donated by the Baptist Educational society on the condition that the college raise $37,000 by January 1st, 1903.

President Pushes Button

Washington, Dec. 12.—President Roosevelt today pushed the button that opened the convention of the Woodmen of the World at Spokane, Wash. Felicitous messages were exchanged between the white house and the convention hall.

SNOW AND RAIN

Severe Storms Prevail in Many Parts of the Country

Laramie, Wyo., Dec. 12.—One of the worst storms in recent years has been raging in southern Wyoming for twenty-four hours. The snow is accompanied by high winds and falling temperature. Railroad traffic has been delayed, but no blockade has occurred. Reports received of heavy losses of sheep but the stories cannot be confirmed.

SNOW AND RAIN.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 12.—The heaviest rain storm of this section during the present years set in early this morning. Snow is falling along the lines of the St. Joseph and Grand Island and the Burlington.

SNOW STORM IN COLORADO.

Denver, Col., Dec. 12.—A heavy snow fall on the mountains in this state is causing considerable delay to railroad traffic. Reports from southern Wyoming are to the effect that a general storm prevails.

DELAYS TRAFFIC.

Denver, Dec. 12.—A heavy snowfall on the mountains of southern Wyoming and Colorado is causing considerable delay to railroad traffic.

BLIZZARD IN DAKOTA.

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 12.—A sudden fall in the temperature, with a driving wind, gave Fargo her first blizzard of the winter tonight.

RAIN IN KANSAS.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 12.—General and heavy rains fell in Kansas today, breaking the dry spell of several weeks' standing.

Agree as to Time

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The vote on the time resolution covering the western and northwestern gateways was made complete today by a vote in the affirmative sent in by the Great Western, which was not represented at the meeting. It was stated today the Northwestern management, as well as the management of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific, have determined, if possible, to keep the time of the "Overland Limited" between Chicago and the coast intact, but there is no present intimation that there was a string attached to the affirmative vote of any of the lines or parties to the time agreement. The only reservation was that made by St. Paul to the effect that it would retain the right to change the time upon adequate notice.

Accept Membership.

Cleveland, Dec. 12.—Among the distinguished men who have acknowledged the acceptance of honorary membership in the McKinley National Memorial association are the following: Archbishop John Ireland, Henry Watterson, Andrew Carnegie, Archbishop Corrigan, Frank H. Sargent, grand master Brotherhood Locomotive Firemen; Rev. Henry A. Vandyke, Princeton university; P. M. Arthur, chief engineer Brotherhood Locomotive Engineers; Bishop Potter; Hon. Don M. Dickinson, Rev. J. M. Buckley, editor Christian Advocate; John Mitchell, president United Mine Workers; Samuel H. Crane, the actor; William R. Clarke, Kansas City; Adjutant General Corbin, Hon. R. C. Kerns.

Sweating 'Em

Omaha, Dec. 12.—Chief of Police Donahue said tonight that he expects to recover $10,000 worth of diamonds, stolen in Portland a month ago. Prue Johnson and her companion, arrested yesterday with a part of the gems in their possession, were put in the sweat box today and the police say it was with very favorable results.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 12.—Diamonds and other jewelry, valued at $800, are in the possession of Chief Zimmer of Kansas City, Kas., and that officer believes he has recovered a portion of the $15,000 worth of goods stolen from Alfred E. Lowenthal, at Portland, Ore., last month. The jewelry was found at the residence of Prue Johnson.

Latest From Miss Stone

Constantinople, Dec. 12.—The latest information regarding Miss Stone and Madame Tsilka indicates that their condition is so far ameliorated that they are able to obtain rude comforts. It is even said the brigands have a doctor ready at hand in case his services should be needed. It appears the brigands are now complaining that Miss Stone is attempting to convert them to Christianity. While recognizing the illegality of the abduction the brigands contend that their action is in the interest of a sacred cause and therefore justifiable.

A Luckless Bridegroom

Rumford Falls, Me., Dec. 12.—Lovy Garrett, a young French Canadian, is in a critical condition at his home here as the result of knife wounds received at the hands of highwaymen last night. The robbers secured $150, which Garrett had drawn from the bank to defray the expenses of his wedding, which was to have taken place today. The assailants escaped and the police have no clue.

White Cappers

New Albany, Ind., Dec. 12.—Whitecaps near English have recently cruelly whipped several persons, their backs being frightfully cut with hickory switches. The victims are accused of immoral practices.

MOORE WAS KNOCKED OUT

But Was Given the Decision, a Foul Blow Being Charged.

Bay City, Mich., Dec. 12.—Tommy McCune of Detroit and George Moore of Saginaw, met tonight for a six round go. In the second, Moore gave McCune a hard one on the jaw, McCune retaliating with a short arm jab, which struck Moore close to the pit of the stomach, laying him out. For about ten minutes Moore remained unconscious, with doctors working over him. The doctors said the blow was very serious, but that Moore would probably recover. The referee awarded the fight to Moore on a foul.

LAVIGNE WINS.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 12.—George (Kid) Lavigne knocked out Tim Hegarty of Australia in the fourth round tonight. It was the first appearance in this country of Hegarty, who claims the championship of Australia. Hegarty forced the fighting and in the second round caught Lavigne a clip on the jaw that staggered him. In the third round Lavigne played for the stomach and weakened Hegarty badly. In the final round Lavigne knocked Hegarty down with a left on the jaw. Hegarty got up at the end of six seconds. With a left hook on the jaw the Kid then put Hegarty completely out of the business. The fight was a fast and hot one.

Muncie, Ind., Dec. 12.—Hugh McWinters of New York got the decision over Martin Judge of Philadelphia tonight in a fifteen-round contest.

NO CLUE TO DENNIS MURDER

Washington Dressmaker Occasionally Conscious, But Not Rational.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The mystery of the assault upon Mrs. Ada Gilbert Dennis, the fashionable modiste, Tuesday morning, is still baffling the police. No tangible clew has yet been found, and despite the investigation of a large corps of headquarters detectives since early on the morning of the attack, no motive for the crime has been discovered.

At the hospital it was stated today that if no complications set in Mrs. Dennis will recover. The main apprehension is that cerebral meningitis may develop. Her skull already has been trephined. She is conscious at intervals, but so far has not talked rationally.

BEATEN TO DEATH

Body of Ewald Eichhorn of Duquoin Found Bound and Gagged

Duquoin, Ill., Dec. 12.—Bound, gagged and blindfolded, the dead body of Ewald Eichhorn, a German farmer, was found in his late home last night, three miles east of this city, by John Thomas, a nephew. Eichhorn was a bachelor and lived alone. He was last seen alive on Saturday and was supposed to have gone to visit relatives at Belleville.

The murder was committed with a stick of stovewood, with which Eichhorn's head was beaten to a jelly. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive, as Eichhorn had drawn a considerable su[m] from the bank Friday.

WORST IN YEARS

Severe Gale and Snow Storm Raging in England

London, Dec. 13.—The postal authorities say that yesterday's storm caused the worst breakdown of telegraph and telephone lines known in twenty years. North of a line drawn through Birmingham, the whole country, including Ireland, is almost cut off from communication with London. The press dispatches had to be sent by rail. A heavy snowfall continued throughout the day and the gale was still raging last night. No doubt many shipping disasters will be reported when the wires are restored.

FIRES.

Cincinnati, Dec. 12.—Fire today damaged the large carpet house of Lowrey & Goebel; loss, about one hundred thousand; fully insured.

Ford City, Pa., Dec. 12.—Fire destroyed the Fifth Avenue hotel early today. The flames spread with such rapidity that many employes and guests were forced to jump from the second and third story windows. Several were badly injured. A man named Dumont is missing and it is feared was burned to death. Loss, $20,000.

Millions Involved

Cleveland, Dec. 12.—The Plaindealer tomorrow will say: Fearing the iron and steel trust would gobble the supply of iron ores and leave the independent plants in a helpless position, the latter have contracted for upwards of 20,000,000 tons of raw material under contracts running several years. Millions of dollars are involved in the deals.

Switchmen Held

Pittsburg, Dec. 12.—John Garing and Patrick Finn, two striking switchmen, were held for court today with malicious mischief. It is alleged they threw an automatic switch on the Allegheny and Buffalo division of the Pennsylvania railroad this morning for the purpose of wrecking a passenger train. The men denied their guilt.

VOTE ON MONDAY

Senate Agrees Canal Treaty Shall Be Disposed of That Day.

MORGAN'S BILL CONSIDERED

Scores Panama Interests For Seeking to Block the Present Canal Bill.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The senate agreed today to vote before adjournment Monday on the new Hay-Pauncefote treaty. This agreement was reached after four hours debate, which was sufficiently interesting to insure the constant attendance of most of the senators. Senator Spooner, who was one of the principal speakers, had just concluded when Senator Lodge made an effort to secure a vote. It developed that there were other senators who desired to be heard, the result being that the day for a vote was postponed until Monday. The agreement provides for the adjournment of the senate from today until Monday and for a meeting at 11 o'clock that day, one hour in advance of the usual time. The understanding is that as soon as practicable after the senate convenes, Senator Lodge shall move an executive session and the treaty shall have the entire attention of the senate until a final vote is reached before adjournment for that day. The principal speakers today beside Spooner were Money and Foraker. Money, while finding much in the treaty to criticise, said as he found the fortunes of the proposed canal across the isthmus inextricably intertwined with the treaty, he could not see his way clear to doing anything that would prevent or even delay the ratification. Senator Foraker maintained the provisions of the new treaty

MEET EVERY OBJECTION

Made to the original Hay-Pauncefote treaty and cover every essential thing included in the amendments made by the senate to that document. He regarded it as of the utmost importance that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty should be wiped out. He asserted that all the rights of the United States are amply protected under this treaty and our absolute and complete control of the canal could not be questioned by Great Britain or any other power. Bacon asked if it was not true under the terms of the treaty the construction of fortifications by the United States would be an act of war. Foraker replied in the negative, declaring that not only would such act not be an act of hostility, but to build fortifications in case of necessity was one of the inherent rights of the government. Spooner, also, was

FREQUENTLY INTERRUPTED

By senators on the democratic side. Answering these, he maintained that England, after contending for half a century against fortifications, had waived that provision, thus practically conceded our right to fortify the proposed canal. During the interruptions many senators on both sides took part in the controversy. Spooner contended that the United States would have a right to control the canal after its own manner during any war to which this country might be a party. Mason interjected that treaty agreements never bind a nation to the extinction of its military rights and duties. Spooner assented and said no matter what might be the provisions of the treaty, the nation could not be accused of dishonor or immorality if its terms were broken in defense of its own existence.

The senate committee on the isthmian canal authorized a favorable report upon

MORGAN'S BILL

Providing for the acquisition of right of way for the Nicaraguan canal. Morgan afterwards presented the report to the senate. It covers more than 500 pages of printed matter and deals with many questions connected with the construction of the canal, including a thorough inquiry into the attitude of Great Britain upon the subject and the different canal routes. The introductory pages of the report contain a general review of the importance of the construction of an isthmian canal, and in the second paragraph it is declared "A failure to accomplish this work would create a feeling of

NATIONAL DESPAIR

"For fifty years," Morgan said, "the power of the British government and combinations in the United States aided by France, have defeated all efforts to open an American canal." He declared the Clayton-Bulwer treaty was an injustice. Great Britain's control of the Mosquito coast was a pretense and held us in the leash until the control of the Suez canal could be effected. If no other course is open the Clayton-Bulwer treaty should be abrogated by congress. The major portion of the report was made before the new Hay-Pauncefote treaty had been promulgated, but in an appendix the following reference is made to that treaty: "If two-thirds of the senate shall concur with the government of Great Britain in establishing an effective basis on which a canal for ships through an American isthmus shall be operated for the security and benefit of all nations, such agreement may well be considered as an advanced step in

TRUE CIVILIZATION,

Honorable to both governments and rich in blessing to mankind." It is a new alignment as to the rights, privileges and powers of the United States, touching the ownership and control of an isthmian canal, based on the general principle of freedom and neutrality of such canal that is declared in the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and is in accord with our well-established national policy, often declared and never denied by the United States. Whatever sacrifice it may involve in benefits that might be claimed as being exclusive in favor of the United States in the absence of such agreement, for the benefit of all nations the

AMERICAN PEOPLE APPROVE

The spirit of this agreement and will adhere to it as an additional evidence of their friendly sentiment toward all people who compete with them honorably for an increase of facilities of commerce to all the world. Embodied in Morgan's report is a lengthy review of the efforts of Hutin, representing the Panama Canal company, to dispose of that property to the United States and the manifest purpose of that organization to interfere with this legislation. It severely criticizes Hutin's methods and statements, and makes absolute denials that any offer was made for the company's holding in Panama.

BOER BRUTALITIES

Inhumanity Practiced By the Burghers in South Africa.

London, Dec. 12.—The war office issued a statement tonight, dealing with the Boer treatment of Colonel Bensons, wounded at Brakenlaagte, which is the result of special investigation instituted by Kitchener. The statement sets forth that eighteen officers and men of Benson's command were kindly and even carefully treated by the Boers, while the other seventy-five men were examined and testified they witnessed and suffered atrocities worse than those which followed the Vlakfontein disaster. These latter said unarmed and wounded men lying around the guns were killed at close range and the survivors of the engagement suffered torture, being robbed and stripped of their clothing in spite of their wounds and broken limbs. Kitchener says evidently the Boer leaders are no longer able to repress murder and outrage on the part of subordinates.

PREACHER HOWARD

Escapes Indiana Penitentiary Only to Face Another.

Columbus, O., Dec. 12.—The board of managers of the Ohio penitentiary today released Rev. G. F. Howard, a federal prisoner from Tennessee, that he might be taken to Michigan to answer an indictment there. He had served six years. Just before the expiration of his good time Howard escaped and while at Jackson, Mich., he resumed his old game of swindling. After he was captured and returned to the Ohio penitentiary, he was indicted in Michigan for sending letters to persons in England and representing they were heirs to estates and offered to look after their interests for a stipulated fee. He was taken to Detroit by a United States marshal.

IMPROVED MACHINERY

Will Enable the United States to Become the Tin Producing Country of World

Pittsburg, Dec. 12.—The American tin plate company will in the near future install the machinery for the rolling of black plate for tin mills that will be largely automatic. It is said the machinery in this process will do from two-thirds to three-fourths of the work now done by hand on pot mills and the output will be materially increased. With this new method it is estimated the company will be able to compete with foreign manufacturers without aid of the tariff and would result in the United States becoming the greatest tin plate manufacturing country in the world.

Confirmations

Washington, Dec. 12.—The senate today confirmed the following nominations: C. H. Egbert of Illinois, consul at Durango, Mex. Postmasters—Illinois, Ulysses S. G. Blakely, Plainfield; G. W. Buck, Genoa; George G. Monohon, Greenup; Jas. W. Breen, Manteno; A. W. McIntire, Mendota; J. A. Bohrer, Bloomington; J. P. Nesbitt, Mound City; L. E. Wheeler, Springfield; H. S. Sanford, Chatsworth; Miles E. Hunt, Gilman; S. J. Gee, Lawrenceville.

Will Feed Them Phosphates

Paris, Dec. 12.—The physical weakness of the people of Anam and Tonquin is attributed to the absence of phosphate in their rice diet. M. Doumer, governor of French-Indo-China, has ordered a cargo of phosphate from Tunis in order to introduce it in the rice fields.

Operator Suicides

Sandoval, Ill., Dec. 12.—O. C. Crocker, telegraph operator for the B. & O. S. W. in this city, shot and killed himself tonight while on duty. No cause for the suicide is known, as he was in the best of health and spirits when leaving home for his office tonight.

Preparing For a War.

Valparaiso, Chili, Dec. 12.—The Chilian government will call into service two forces of conscripts as the result of similar action on the part of Argentina.

ILLINOIS CORN

Acreage Largest Ever Known in the State But Yield Small

VALUE TO PRODUCER IS BIG

State Board of Agriculture Gives Out Some Important Figures

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 12.—Reports of crop correspondents to the Illinois department of agriculture show the area planted to corn last spring was 8,077,004 acres, the largest reported since 1878. The quality is but 74 per cent of the average. The entire crop of the state 183,792,200 bushels, is the smallest yield since 1890, and but 60 per cent as compared with 1900. The average price is 58 cents per bushel and is the highest ever reported in the state with two exceptions, 1864 to 1867, and the value to producers, $106,415,000, has never been excelled.

CAUSED A RUN

And Breaks Bank As Result of Attempted Robbery.

LaPorte, Ind., Dec. 12.—An attempt was made two weeks ago to rob the Wanatah bank of Wanatah, owned by Julius Conitz, which caused a run on the institution which today resulted in its suspension. Assets, $91,000; liabilities, $21,000. Forty thousand dollars of the assets are in the stock of the Eastern and Northern railroad company which is constructing a line between Toledo, Ohio, and Benton Harbor, Mich.

LONG LIVE THE REVOLUTION.

Mobs Led By Striking Bakers Pillage Stores

Cadiz, Dec. 12.—The city was in a state of partial revolution practically all night long. Riotous mobs led by striking bakers armed with knives and bludgeons, pillaged stores, attacked peaceable people in the streets, injured a number of persons, threw the whole town in a state of panic, and made the night hideous with shouts of "Long live the social revolution," and "Down with the bourgeois." The police were powerless to quell the disturbance.

IN DEAD LOCK

National League Magnates Fail to Reach Agreement

New York, Dec. 12.—An absolute deadlock exists over the selection of a president of the National league and the magnates only argued today away. As announced by President Young "no baseball history was made as the outcome of the war of words." It is understood Brush's syndicate is opposed by Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Chicago. Behind Brush were Boston, New York and St. Louis.

Purdy Resigns.

New York, Dec. 12.—The resignation of W. G. Purdy as president of the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific railroad was accepted by the directors of the company. William B. Leeds was elected president. Purdy also resigned as director. J. H. Moore was elected to succeed him in the board. D. G. Reid was elected a member of the executive committee to fill the unexpired term of Purdy.

Killed Father in Self Defense

Creede, Col., Dec. 12.—Gertrude Simpson, aged 15, who shot and killed her father, Dr. A. N. Simpson, coroner of Mineral county, Nov. 15, was acquitted today after a trial on the charge of murder. The girl's defense was her father had abused her and threatened to kill her.

Big Bond

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 12.—The largest bond ever filed in northern Indiana, and one of the largest ever filed in the state, was filed by Mrs. Ann Studebaker, and other executors of the late Clem Studebaker's estate. It is for $2,500,000 and is furnished by a trust company.

Burned to Death

Alma, Wis., Dec. 12.—The house of Peter Schnugg at Cochrane burned last night. The daughter of Schnugg was unable to escape and was burned to death.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Illinois—Snow or rain and much colder Friday; cold wave in central and southern portion. Saturday fair and cold; brisk northwesterly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER.

The following is a record of the temperature for the twenty-four hours ending Thursday evening at 7 o'clock as reported by Prof. J. H. Coonradt, government observer:

7 a. m.........35 Highest ....[illegible]
Noon...........40 Lowest ....[illegible]
7 p. m.........40

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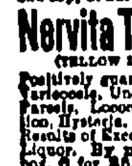

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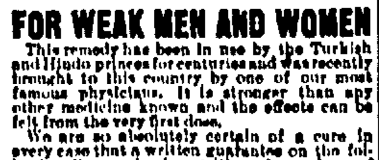

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REISS' WEDDING

As Heart Breaker Shown Up As Result of Breach of Promise Suit.

WEDDING TODAY POSTPONED

Prof. O. E. Reiss of Grinnell, Iowa, and Miss Margaret Crowley of Edinburg were to have been married November 20, but Prof. Reiss fell and hurt himself and the wedding was postponed.

Last week Prof. Reiss, who was formerly principal of the high school at Edinburg, came to Edinburg and went to Shelbyville to visit his mother before getting married. The following dispatch from Mattoon tells the rest:

Mattoon, Ill., Dec. 7. Prof. Gus E. Reiss, a prominent merchant of Grinnell, Iowa, has been sued in the Shelby county circuit court at Shelbyville, Ill., for $20,000 damages for breach of marriage contract by Miss Louisa Koster of this city. Reiss is engaged to wed Miss Margaret Crowley, a school teacher of Edinburg, Christian county, on December 11.

Miss Koster is a handsome blonde, of fine figure and with engaging manners. She and Reiss knew each other since childhood. Both are of prominent families. Reiss formerly taught school at Edinburg, where he met Miss Crowley. He read law later and several years ago embarked in business at Grinnell. A years ago Miss Koster went to Helena, Mont., to visit. Her mother came to live here with her sister, Mrs. Adam Krick.

By correspondence she alleges, Reiss proposed to marry her last Easter, but the event was delayed by him on various pretexts. She had her trousseau ready.

Two weeks ago she arrived here and learned of his impending marriage to Miss Crowley, announced by card, formally and in the papers.

Suit was instituted for breach of promise and service obtained on Reiss at Shelbyville yesterday, while he was visiting his mother. He was petrified with surprise. Miss Koster is heartbroken over the denouement.

WEDDING OFF AT EDINBURG.

Edinburg, Dec. 9.—The postponed wedding of Prof. Reiss and Miss Crowley was to have taken place Wednesday evening, December 11, at the Methodist church and was to have been the social event of the season. But Sunday morning Rev. Lucas, pastor of the church, announced to his congregation briefly that the wedding would not take place. No further explanation was made. A good many of our people are doubting the story of the professor's fall at Grinnell, and say the reported accident was only an excuse to postpone the wedding. It is believed that Miss Crowley, being a girl of spirit, refused to marry the professor when she learned of the suit against him.

STILL ANOTHER.

It is said that Reiss was engaged to a Miss Cartmell of Assumption about three years ago, but went back on the girl after she was all ready to be married. Miss Cartmell afterwards married.

Parties were here from Mattoon November 20, the date first set for his marriage, to get service on him in this breach of promise case.

UNLAWFUL TO KILL EAGLES.

A Fact That Does Not Seem to Be Generally Known By Hunters.

The fact that it is unlawful to kill an eagle does not seem to be generally known. Stanley Dubois writing to the Bloomington Pantagraph about the matter says:

Following is the law of the state of Illinois relating to the matter:

Session laws of 1889. Act approved April 24, 1899, entitled Fish and Game; section 3, page 21:

"Any person who shall, within the state, kill or catch, or have in his possession, living or dead, any wild bird other than a game bird, English sparrow, crow, crow blackbird or chicken hawk, or who shall purchase, offer or expose for sale, any such wild bird after it has been killed or caught, for such offence will be subject to a fine of five dollars for each bird killed or caught, or imprisonment for ten days, or both, at the discretion of the court. Provided that nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the owner or occupant of land, from destroying any such birds when deemed necessary by him for the protection of fruits on property."

The section then goes on to specifically define what are game birds, among which the name of eagle does not appear.

Our Grand Jury Burden.

Residents of Macon county are wondering why they pay so much more than other counties in the state for grand juries, and a discussion has started as to the length of days put in at the sessions in Macon and adjoining counties. The residents are begrudging the $40 per day that it must pay for the last session of the grand jury, which lasted forty-one days. McLean county averages nine days in its grand jury sessions, at a cost of $414; DeWitt averages five, Champaign twelve, Peoria six, Sangamon fifteen and Logan five. The average length of sessions throughout the state is two weeks. For the past four years Macon county footed up as high as forty-one and as low as fourteen days, consequently Macon is thinking considerably of the abuse of the grand jury. —Bloomington Pantagraph.

Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold.

Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price 25 cents.

Mrs. M. E. Grubbs of Cerro Gordo was in Decatur Tuesday.

SHIPPING IN CORN.

Christian County Farmers Hold On For Big Price.

Although Christian county suffered a severe drouth last summer and prayers at one time were ascending to heaven from every church in Tom Downey's bailiwick, the average farmer now finds himself almost the arbiter of prices in the corn pit. While he may not be getting his price, he evidently has enough laid aside to hold onto his corn, not withstanding the winter, and expenses attending the holidays are both coming on. As an indication of how confident the Christian county farmer is that the price of corn is on the boom we have but to relate the experiences of William Dalby last week.

Mr. Dalby desired to buy 1000 bushels of corn to finish off a bunch of cattle almost ready for market. He visited a number of farmers, but none of them wanted to sell and invariably turned the subject to the bullish tendencies of the corn market, saying: "No, I'm going to hold my corn." Finally Mr. Dalby ran onto a farmer who said he'd take 75 cents per bushel, but he did not close the deal because he regarded the price as exorbitant. After a futile attempt to buy cheaper Mr. Dalby called up the 75 cent man by telephone to close the deal. "No," came the response, "I won't sell for less than 85."

The now thoroughly disgusted Dalby telegraphed to a Chicago commission house and Saturday had one car load of old corn laid down here at 68 cents.—Taylorville Breeze.

GILLETT-BROWN.

Wedding Quietly Celebrated in East Park Boulevards.

Elmer Gillett and Miss Kate Brown were quietly married Tuesday night at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Ben Smith, in East Park boulevard.

Dr. William H. Penhallegon, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, performed the ceremony, which was witnessed only by the immediate families of the contracting parties. The bride was attired in a gown of white Paris muslin and carried bride's roses. The attendants were J. H. Latham and Miss Denise Sawyer.

After the ceremony a wedding supper was served in courses in the dining room. The house was prettily decorated with flowers and palms. The young people received a number of handsome presents.

The groom is well known in Decatur, where he was for eight years engineer at the city water works. He is now with the Wabash railroad company. Mr. and Mrs. Gillett will make their home on St. Louis avenue.

Decision In Smallpox Matter

Circuit Judge Schaefer of Edwardsville gave an important decision Friday in the case of Granite City against the county of Madison, growing out of an epidemic of smallpox, the expenses of which aggregated $12,000. The county tendered $3800 in gold as its share of the expense and the Granite City city council brought the suit to make the county pay all the expenses. Judge Schaefer held that the county was liable for doctor's bills, necessary food, shelter and nursing. All items incidental to quarantine, such as guards, coal bills, boarding, pest house, supplies, etc., were charged to the city in the decision. Judge Schaefer's decision makes the county's liability within the amount tendered.

Deeds Recorded.

John V. Bradshaw to Robert Wallace, 12 acres in the northeast quarter of 20, 16 3 east; $75.

W. W. Day to W. S. Pinney, the north half of the northeast quarter of 16, 17, 2 east; $5200.

Jeddiah H. Gibson to Martha Keenir, lot 10 in the west half of 33, 15, 2 east; also lot 24 in the west half of 33, 13, 2 east; $5300.

J. L. Bradshaw to Robert Wallace, 12 acres in northeast quarter of 29, 16, 3 east; $200.

Louis H. Ennis to Martin Cullen, a 40-foot lot on Jordan street, Decatur; $525.

To Florida.

Orlando Powers and family will leave Decatur on Friday via the Illinois Central for Palm Beach, Fla. The party will have a Pullman sleeping car at their disposal and will include Orlando Powers, Mrs. Charles Kearney and daughter, Charlotte, H. W. Powers, Mrs. E. B. Atwood and two servants. They will journey via the Illinois Central to Martins, Tenn., thence via the N., C. & St. L. to Chattnooga, over the W. & A. to Macon, Ga., then over the G. S. & F. to Valdosta, thence over the A. V. & W. to Jacksonville and over the Plant system from that point to Palm Beach. They will remain in Florida until spring time.

A Precious Pair.

Emanuel Hopkins and Joe Stipes were arrested Tuesday afternoon by Officer Cross. Hopkins is a farmer from the vicinity of Illiopolis. Both the men were drunk and were arrested for creating a disturbance on a street car. Hopkins was flourishing a revolver and Stipes was enjoying the consternation of the passengers and with his mouth giving what assistance he could in further frightening the people on the car.

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"Young Bragg seems to have a big bump of conceit."

"Oh, no; that's the bump I gave him trying to take the conceit out of him."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Farmers in central Kansas are feeding wheat to the cattle. Next the live stock will be demanding celery lettuce salad, apple sauce and artichokes for dessert.

If you have sore throat, soreness across the back or side, or your lungs feel sore or tender, or you are threatened with diphtheria or pneumonia, apply BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT externally, and use BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP. John E. King and Frank W. Swearingen.

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Another prosperity item—the establishment at West Point, N. Y., will have to be enlarged.

Infant mortality is something frightful. Nearly one-quarter die before they reach one year, one-third before they are five, and one-half before they are fifteen! The timely use of WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE would save a majority of these precious lives. Price 25 cents. John E. King and Frank W. Swearingen.

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It is not too late yet for the Perry, O. T., genius to have a meteor fall within his news sphere and burn up somebody's house.

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George Sutton, the armless billiard expert, who is playing in Kansas City, won two matches Saturday, but he did not win them hands down.

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NEARBY TOWNS.

SANGAMON.

Miss Melinda Webb of Green's Switch visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Myrta Garver of Decatur spent Sunday with the Misses Lelia and Retta Harner.

Mrs. Sarah Pabst and daughter, Ella, have gone to Russell, Kan., to visit relatives.

J. E. King, who was teaching the winter term at the Excelsior school, has gone to Crowley, La. Miss Annie Kirk of Decatur will teach the remainder of the term.

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WYCLES.

Mrs. Jacob Troutman, who has been ill for some time, is no better.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller came here from Macon to attend the funeral of her father, A. Musser.

The funeral of the late Adam Musser was held from the Christian church on Sunday at 11 o'clock. The service was largely attended. Rev. Robbins of Harristown officiated. The choir sang some favorite hymns, among them being "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and "Shall We Meet Beyond the River."

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TODD'S POINT.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. James McKinney, on Dec. 6th, twin baby girls.

Miss Maggie Nicholson was quite sick for a few days last week.

Jas. Atkinson, jr., accompanied Sherman Wright to the stock show at Chicago.

Dave Perry is seriously ill.

Mrs. Joseph Lepson of Redwood Falls, Minn., who is visiting here, realized on his four entries in the Aberdeen Angus sale in Chicago last week the sum of $2,425. One cow was sold for $1000.

Mrs. William Perry died this morning after many months of suffering.

Dec. 9.

HAMMOND.

Miss Stella Clark of Jacksonville is here visiting relatives.

H. O. Watts of Greenup visited relatives here over Sunday.

Miss Essie Bunyan left last Wednesday for Winfield, Kan., to visit relatives.

Mrs. Ponder is very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Mitchell.

Harve Evans of Chicago visited his brother, W. R. Evans, and family here last week.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Lily Thomas and Earl Millivon on Christmas evening.

Miss Ella McMitt is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Mary Moberly of Windsor.

Maurice Broyler was in Arthur on business Monday.

Mrs. M. M. Thomas and daughter were Bement visitors last Tuesday.

Dr. Hostetler of Decatur was called here to see Mrs. Ponder one day last week.

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CLINTON.

Rev. G. W. Ballinger of Tremont has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist congregation here.

Oscar Samuels has bought the brick livery stable on East Washington street.

J. Henry Koons and Miss Emma Malone, both of this city, were married on Sunday by Squire Rickey at his residence.

George E. Hawkyard of Kenney was here today. He has just returned from Minnesota, where he bought 480 acres of land at $20.50 per acre and will move there in about a year.

A party made up of J. F. Deland, S. M. Argo and Thornton Snell are in Arkansas on a land prospecting tour.

A meeting will be held here on Saturday for the purpose of forming a racing association.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church announce that they will hold their annual bazaar on Wednesday night.

The Catholic ladies are preparing for a church fair to be held on Dec. 17, 18 and 19.

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MONTICELLO.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Reed have gone to Omaha, Neb., to spend a month with their children residing there.

George F. Miller of New Town, Ind., spent part of the past week with friends in this city. He returned to New Town on Monday morning.

The entertainment given at the opera house on Wednesday night of last week by local talent was well patronized and the performance well spoken of.

In the show window of W. E. Smith's dry goods store is a piece of Battenburg, the product of Mrs. Lodoska Watts of this city, which attracts considerable attention. It is a table cover of rare beauty for which she asks $100. She has been offered $80 for it. Considering the age of Mrs. Watts it is a product that challenges the admiration of all needle workers.

Carl S. Reed has returned from Omaha to Monticello after spending a couple of years in the former place. It is understood he will go into business with his father, S. R. Reed.

Thomas Munden, 73 years old, was found dead near Knight's elevator on Thursday. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of death by apoplexy. Mr. Munden was a native of Indiana, but had resided in Monticello for several years. His remains were buried Saturday.

On the 19th and 20th of December the ladies of the M. E. church are to open a bazaar for the benefit of their church. It will be held at the court house.

The Franklin W. R. C. of this city elected officers last week as follows: President, Mrs. Minna Smith; vice president, Mrs. Mary Ryder; J. V., Mrs. Mary Caldwell; treasurer, Mrs. Abbie Beck; chaplain, Mrs. Martha Jamison; conductor, Mrs. Louisa Shively.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kaiser and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hazzard were the guests of G. E. Harlan and mother at Cisco over Sabbath.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stevenson and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hoar and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Ranneberger attended the fat stock show in Chicago last week.

A necktie and apron social was held at Wild Cat school house on Saturday and quite a number attended from Monticello. O. B. Harrauff acted as auctioneer and it is said it was a success, both socially and financially. Miss Elena Keller is the present teacher.

CHARLIE ROYER HOME.

The long-lost Charles Royer, who was supposed to have died in the Klondike, has turned up at Seattle. His mother, Mrs. Royer, and sister, Mrs. Mell Holmes, reside in Decatur, and W. W. Royer, a brother, lives here on the home place. His people had given him up for dead, but when W. W. read in a newspaper of the arrival of the vessel he said to his wife, "Wouldn't it be fine if Charlie would turn in on that vessel?" A week later a letter from the long-absent brother came and there were glad hearts in the Royer household.

Dec. 10.

Heavy Fall.

At Maroa Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Belle Jones had a heavy fall and sustained serious injuries. She was descending the steps at the rear of her home when she slipped and fell. In addition to breaking her arm she sustained internal injuries. Mrs. Jones lives alone and she was compelled to lie several hours where she fell before she could attract the attention of persons to help her.

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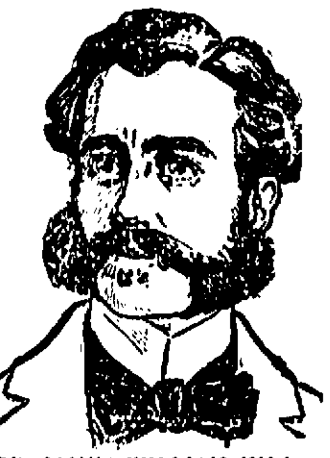

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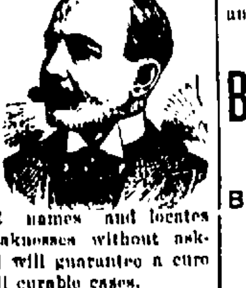

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THE SLUSHER CASE TODAY

A Special Venire of Thirty-Six Names Was Drawn Last Night—Case Will Be Called This Forenoon.

The Craig insurance case will go to the jury this forenoon. Last night when the lights went out the attorneys for the defense were in the midst of their arguments. Circuit Clerk Allen brought in a few candles and the speech making went on to the adjournment hour. I. A. Buckingham, for the plaintiff, will make the closing argument this forenoon.

There was much testimony Tuesday in relation to the habit of Luke Craig, the insured, to frighten persons by pretending to commit suicide. There was testimony, too, to show how easily it was possible for one of Craig's jokes to have a fatal ending.

Craig died in August and it was shown that about forty days before that time while at work in the field, he was overcome by the heat. After that, according to the story of his wife, every week or ten days Craig was afflicted with fainting spells. He would topple over unconscious and she would apply restoratives, fan him and bathe his head with cold water until he recovered.

There was testimony to show when Craig was found there was an indentation in the tissue of the neck, evidently made by the buckle of the strap about his neck. Dr. McLean testified that a pressure about the region of the carotid artery might produce unconsciousness.

It is the effort of the plaintiff to show that Craig's death was an accident, the result of his propensity to frighten persons and not the result of a deliberate attempt to end his own life. The theory is that he put the strap about his neck expecting to frighten his family and while on his knees in the hay he was the victim of one of the sinking spells which resulted from the sunstroke, became unconscious and his weight upon the strap caused his death. The testimony of one of the men who found the body was that Craig had one hand on one of the beams above his head and that there was very little weight upon the strap.

The defense offered the evidence heard before the coroner's jury, the verdict of that jury that Craig committed suicide. All of the evidence in defense was of that nature. The defense offered the family of the deceased $11.10. That is the sum of the premiums paid on the policy. In that policy there is an agreement that if the insured commits suicide he is entitled to the sum of the premiums paid but no more.

FOR THE SLUSHER CASE.

The Slusher case will be called as soon as the insurance case is out of the way. Last evening Judge Vail ordered a special venire of thirty-six talesmen to be used in getting a jury in that case. The talesmen drawn were from all parts of the county and the sheriff's deputies at once became busy in the work of serving the men drawn. The venire was as follows:

Austin—Chris Row.
Blue Mound—John Summers.
Friends Creek—C. A. Bell.
Hickory Point—Charles Hays, John Fetrow and Ed P. Risinger.
Illini—Frank Batchelder.
Oakley—Charles Schwartz.
Maroa—F. S. Bailey.
Mt. Zion—Eli Tohill.
Macon—Henry Slaughter, Amos Willoughby, Louis Florey.
Whitmore—Jesse Garver.
Wheatland—Thomas Morris.
Decatur—Frank C. Brockway, W. H. Barnett, Charles Montgomery, J. H. Durfee, W. Vest, J. M. Huff, Mike Connelly, J. S. Berry, William Blenz, Sam Muir, William Davis, William Bain, William Morris, jr., Gus Wilmeth, William Giblin, M. A. Starling J. J. Jacobs, Max Atlass, P. McCune, Frank Eckert and L. W. Fribourg.

BIG DEAL IN OATS

Burks Grain Company Buys 125,000 Bushels From Crocker Co.

BREAKS THE LOCAL RECORD

A great deal has been heard lately of the scarcity of grain in the country and the small amounts of corn and oats that were moving. A transaction in Decatur yesterday shows that there is grain and that it is moving.

The Burks Grain and Elevator company of this city yesterday bought of the Crocker Elevator company of Maroa 125,000 bushels of white oats. This is said by grain men to be the largest single purchase of grain ever made in this city. The grain will be shipped from the various elevators to the Crocker company and sent east through Decatur. Thomas Costello represented the Crocker company in the transaction.

Decatur is well known as one of the large corn and oats markets of the state and Pratt & Co. have now over two hundred cars of grain in the yards here awaiting transfer to the east, and Shellabarger and Suffern & Hunt have about as many more.

USUAL ROUTINE

Engaged the Attention of Supervisors When They Convened Tuesday.

PETITIONS FOR NEW BRIDGES

County Officers Submit Their Reports—Kirkman and Meriwether Have No Opposition—Visit Poor Form Today.

The board of supervisors held a short session on Tuesday afternoon. A big batch of bills were presented and referred to various committees. There was not a great deal of business transacted. One thing which does not appear on the minutes engaged some attention on the part of the board. The box containing the names of talesmen is getting empty and the supervisors went over to the poll lists to get in a new supply. Altogether the members put three hundred names in the box. Last spring there were six hundred names put in and the supply was getting low.

BRIDGES.

The highway commissioners of Harristown township presented a petition asking county aid in constructing a bridge on the road leading from Harristown to Boody. The cost of the structure is estimated to be $1800. The petition was referred to the road and bridge committee.

The commissioners of Austin township asked aid in erecting a bridge in the northwestern part of that township. The petition was referred to a special committee composed of Supervisors Tucker, Persinger and Weigand.

There was recently constructed a bridge on the line between Macon and Dewitt counties. Of that cost the two townships involved paid one quarter each and the two counties are to pay one-quarter each. The bill for Macon county's share was presented yesterday. It amounts to $473.

NO OPPOSITION.

W. A. Kirkman, steward at the poor farm, and Tyler Meriwether, county physician, presented applications asking for reappointment. Neither of the incumbents have, up to this time, any opposition for the places and their election seems to be a foregone conclusion.

A motion of Supervisor Bean made a visit to the poor farm a special order this afternoon. This is one of the things that a majority of the members dodge every time it comes up. The farm is as well cared for as is possible, but in spite of that when an official visit is paid to the house there are so many unpleasant sights in viewing the helpless and idiotic that the junket can be passed without feeling that one has missed anything.

The report of Steward Kirkman, of the poor farm, was among those presented Tuesday. The report says that at present there are 40 inmates at the farm. During the last quarter six were received, three were discharged and one died. Six of the inmates are bedridden and helpless.

On the farm there are 47 head of cattle, 70 hogs and six horses. Ten hogs have been butchered and 15 more will be served likewise to supply the county charges with meat during the coming year. There is in crib on the farm 1200 bushels of corn, 500 bushels of oats and 100 bushels of potatoes. There is plenty of fodder for the stock, but there are no vegetables. The steward reported that he had turned in corn and oats to the grocery account to the amount of $62.12 and had turned into the county treasury cash to the amount of $211.48.

The chair was authorized to appoint a committee of three to attend the state meeting of supervisors which will convene in Danville on Jan. 14 and remain in session three days.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS.

The semi-annual reports of several of the county officers were submitted and referred to the committee on fees and salaries. County Clerk Dodd's report showed that the earnings of his office had been $4794.56; collected, $0702.09; the expenditures amounted to $3151.00; the balance due the county is $4151.26.

The sheriff's report said that the earnings were $2505.85. The receipts were $730.28. There is now due the county, including $1246.38, previously reported, the sum of $2006.20.

The report of J. G. Keller, county superintendent of schools, said that there were sums in the various funds as follows: In the permanent fund, $1410.00; institute fund, $115.90; distributable fund, $527.57.

Mine Inspector Crankshaw reported concerning the condition of the mines in Macon county. Both of the shafts of the Decatur company have recently been supplied with new cables and the Niantic mine has been given the same sort of improvement. He reported that the practice of blasting once each day has improved the quality of the air in the mines with the exception of the shaft at Niantic. There are now 371 miners employed in Macon county.

ALWAYS WITH US.

The report concerning the cost of the paupers during the last quarter was submitted by Overseer McClelland. Orders were issued for a total of $1635.01; divided as follows: Provisions, $1171.53; coal, $383.40; transportation, $42.53; burial, $14; shoes, $18.50; lodging transients, $21; dry goods, $5.25.

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SALYERS AT HOME.

Man Who Stirred Up Decatur Gamblers Lives at Monticello.

The Herald correspondent at Monticello says:

Ed Salyers, who has been stirring up the gamblers at Decatur and other places, spent most of last week at home. Ed don't look like a gambler himself nor would a detective hunter ever turn a kodak at him for a sleuth, but Ed must have been reading Sherlock Holmes when his friends thought him asleep.

Dewitt County Grand Jury.

The grand jury at Clinton adjourned Monday, Contrary to expectations, no indictments were returned for gaming. Fifteen indictments were returned as follows: Two for murder, one, for accessory to murder, four for assault with attempt to kill, one for forgery, one for larceny, one for horse stealing and two for abandonment. All of those indicted are now under arrest except one of the abandonment cases and the person charged with forgery.

Births.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davis at their home, 1703 East William street, Tuesday, December 10th, a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wilkinson at their home, 915 Colfax street, Tuesday, December 10th, a daughter.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stommel, at their home on Herkimer street, Tuesday, December 10th, a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. August Pygott, at their home, 1600 North Broadway, Tuesday, December 10th, a son.

Marriage Licenses.

Elmer P. Gillett, Decatur............33
Kate Brown, Decatur..............21
William L. Wright, Decatur...legal age
Mrs. Ivy Kenton, Decatur.....legal age

Short Story.

In the circuit court Tuesday Mamie E. McQuay filed a petition asking for a divorce from her husband, Charles McQuay. The couple were married in December, 1891, and according to her story she was deserted in April, 1899. She asked for a decree of absolute divorce and the privilege of resuming her maiden name, Mamie E. Brockway.

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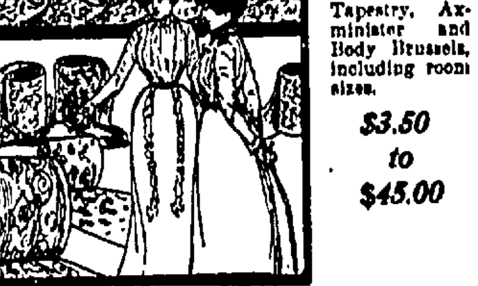

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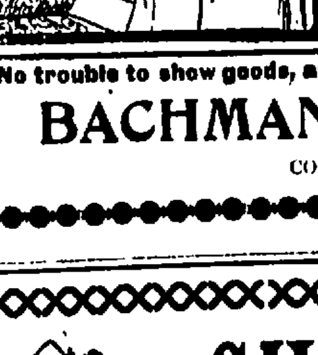

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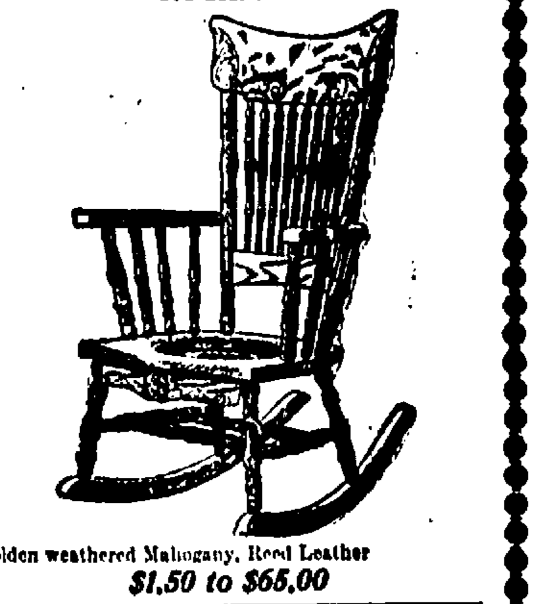

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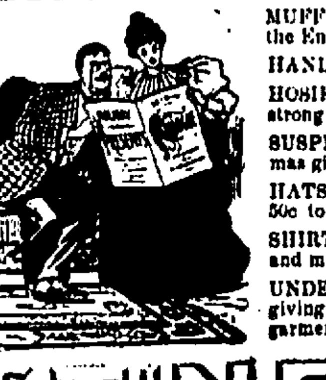

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The contempt of the American people for Senator Wellington is reflected in the fact that his colleagues in the senate ignore him.

The industrial commission got stranded on the servant girl problem and had to ask for an extension of time in order to do it justice in good shape.

Richard Croker, though discredited in New York, reserves the right of an American citizen to open his mouth when and as much as he pleases and rejuvenate at the Indiana mineral springs.

The democrats in congress after a session of two hours in caucus failed to agree upon a policy in relation to opposition to the Philippine tariff bill. About the only thing the party can agree on is that it cannot agree.

Col. Watterson certainly does not soon expect to be a candidate for president. In a recent speech in Massachusetts he announced he would become a presidential candidate whenever he was assured he could get the electoral vote of Massachusetts.

The naval board having in charge the inquiry into the conduct of Admiral Schley has at last finished its work and returned its findings to the secretary of the navy. The report will no doubt be made public at once and there, it is hoped the unfortunate and unseemly affair may end.

The Chicago judge who set aside a judgment for $36,000 for the loss of a hand and who intimated that had it been a right hand he would not have done so, evidently has respect for the scriptural admonition, "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth."

Decatur is interested in the committee on public buildings and grounds in the house of representatives and it seems unfortunate that the committee which has just been appointed does not contain a single Illinois member, but, in spite of this misfortune, it is still hoped a bill for a public building in Decatur will pass this congress.

In the years 1893-1895 under the low tariff and partial free trade Wilson bill our exports of manufactures were $525,000,000, but in the years 1898-9-1900, under the Dingley law, they were $1,061,000,000 or $511,000,000 more than double as much. In 1893 the balance of trade against us was $119,000,000, but in 1901 it was $665,000,000 in our favor, a gain of $781,000,000. Under the Wilson law for the years 1893-1895 the total balance of trade in our favor was $22,000,000, but in 1898-9-1900, under the Dingley law, it was $1,498,000,000, a gain in three years of $1,498,000,000, or more than 600 per cent. These results are directly creditable to our republican protective tariff which needs no tinkering while it is doing such phenomenally good work. The republican war cry in this fifty-seventh congress must be, "Don't touch the tariff."

THE ERA OF REVISION.

The churches of the United States seem to have entered an era of revision. Creeds, hymns, forms of worship, all seem to come in for a full measure of reconstruction. This general movement is supposed to be caused by the fact that the church does not enjoy the influence it once did and that these reforms are intended to restore the old relations. Whether the church is correct in assuming that the difficulty lies in the direction stated may fairly be questioned. It is more likely to be true that the church has been most affected by discarding the sword of the spirit and too often taking up carnal weapons. Beginning with partisan prohibition, followed by other purely moral questions, the church and the clergy has too often yielded to the influence of agitators and suffered itself to be led into taking positions entirely outside the line of the spiritual and in conflict with the views of many good people and thus the church and clergy has gradually lost their sympathy. These mistakes have covered a series of years which aggregate a period of more than a quarter of a century and the result is now being felt, and remedies are sought.

The most recent proposition is a revision of the Methodist Episcopal hymnal. Referring to this the Cedar Rapids Republican makes these very pointed remarks:

"Revision is the order of the day in the churches. The leaders in those organizations seem to be panic stricken. They have seen a decreasing interest in religious affairs, at least as far as church attendance is concerned, and they seem to think that if they will modify their religion, their creeds, their hymnals and what not that the churches will resume their places nearer the hearts of the people. The churches, in other words, seem to show that they can run as fast as the world. But they may find that surrendering established things is not warming the hearts of the people toward them.

One of the latest attempts of a church to keep up with the world is manifested in the Methodist church, which is now revising its hymnal, through a committee. Two hymns which every man who has lived in the neighborhood of a Methodist church has heard times without number until their melodies and words are associated with religious atmospheres are said to be doomed to exclusion. They are: "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and "He Leadeth Me." The former is to be rejected because of the two lines:

"And shout while passing through the air,
Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer."

Those lines are supposed to express the joy that the Christian feels in finally being freed from the cares of this world, including the saving of prayers. They also seem to imply that in the world after this there is no need of spending so much time in prayer, for the soul is supposed to have attained the desired end, heaven. But perhaps the Methodists object to the hymn because it contains the word "shout," and "shouting" we are told is not held in as high esteem in the church of the Wesleys as it was in those good old days when it went forth conquering souls in every village in the land.

What the objections are to "He Leadeth Me" we have not seen stated. There was a time when there was a great deal of comforting faith in the line:

"Still, 'tis his hand that leadeth me."

But perhaps when the committee on revision strikes the great conferences their wisdom and piety will not be so apparent and the hymns may be saved. The committee on revision may have come into too close contact with the Prof. Briggs of Chicago, who has been abusing the church hymnals. But we can still be thankful that the revisionists have left "Lead, Kindly Light" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee." Good Christians should always be thankful for what there is left."

A FORGOTTEN PANIC.

A correspondent to a local paper who signs himself "Fair Play." This citizen prides him or herself upon the fact that he or she did not vote for either of the three candidates for mayor last spring. If a he the assumption that he is entitled to credit for refraining from casting his vote for mayor is logical, but if a she the rule will not apply for the reason that she could not vote for mayor. But this correspondent, whether he or she calls up some interesting past history. He or she says two years ago the people unanimously elected an American Eagle who gave the city a clean administration, but unfortunately at the late election turned him down and by doing so invited gamblers and slot machines from all over the earth to locate in Decatur. The "American Eagle" evidently refers to ex-Mayor Stadler. If is true he was not put in the running and thereby hangs the tale of past history. Under our election laws candidates must either have a nomination by a regularly organized political body or must be nominated by petition. Two years ago Mr. Stadler was nominated by the democrats and was supported at the polls by a large per cent of the party and the reform element and was elected. When the time approached for the election of a successor, some of Mayor Stadler's friends signed a petition to put him in the race again for mayor and that petition was carefully guarded to be filed at the proper time. Enough influence was exerted in the republican convention to open the way for Stadler by making an unpopular nomination in that quarter. The democrats were expected to do the rest. Their primaries were held the same night the republican convention was held, but instead of taking up Stadler as they were expected to do not a precinct instructed for him, but two if not three of these precincts instructed the delegates to vote for him. This caused a panic among those who had charge of Stadler's interests with the result that Mr. Bering was taken up in his stead and the Stadler petition was not filed. This bit of history the correspondent seems to have forgotten. This is reason he, if a he, could not vote for any of the candidates.

But there was an amusing side to the sudden panic which took hold of the friends of Stadler. In neither of the democratic precinct caucuses that instructed against him were there as many voters as there were delegates. In one of them seven delegates were chosen and only three men were present. These three persons selected themselves as delegates and four others who were absent and then the three proceeded to instruct themselves and the other four not to vote for Stadler in the convention. The same was true, but not probably in the same degree, but nearly as bad, in the other one or two precincts that instructed against him. This was certainly a very small blaze to cause such a profound and far reaching panic.

Mr. Stadler was out of the city when the events herein related took place.

THE NEW TREATY.

The senate, in executive session, has promptly taken up the new Hay-Pauncefote treaty and there is no doubt this important matter will be before the senate in a very few days. Senator Cullom has expressed the opinion a vote will be taken in that body before the holidays. So far only three senators have been found who openly oppose the treaty. They are Bacon, Money and Bailey and their opposition is not expected to go beyond speeches against it by way of expressing their views.

With the sentiment indicated and the fact that in the last session seven democrats voted for the old Hay-Pauncefote treaty, it is believed the treaty will secure ratification almost immediately. Senator Lodge will be in charge of the treaty during the week. His familiarity with the international questions involved and with the old treaty has led Senator Cullom to make this concession.

The republican majority in the senate combined with the favorable sentiment to the treaty among the democrats, makes it possible for Senator Lodge to force it through almost without date. He does not choose to do so, nor do his colleagues believe that such a step would be wise or dignified. While most of the matters have been threshed over repeatedly and there is a very general understanding as to the government's intention under the treaty and as to its specific terms, it would be undignified to pass upon the treaty without deliberation. It is also the desire to avoid giving any possible offense to Great Britain by hasty action. That country has conceded every demand made by the United States government and has come around to our view of the canal proposition so satisfactorily that there is no desire to be discourteous in disposing of an important treaty summarily. While, perhaps a majority of the members of the senate are indifferent to foreign press comments there is a feeling that if too hasty action is taken foreign sentiment would be shaped to the conclusion that this country had forced concessions from Great Britain, and now flaunted the fact in her face by approving the treaty without due deliberation.

The attempt of the democratic congressional caucus to declare what the minority stood for proved a lamentable failure. If the party had been consistent there would have been no reason to make a declaration of principles. Only a year ago the party went through a campaign on what is known as the Kansas City platform, which was anti-expansion and free silver. It pretended to be honest in its advocacy of these issues. It is true it was defeated. But, Mr. Bryan, after that defeat, stated he preferred defeat, if right, to victory, if wrong. The course of the congressional caucus of the party indicates that the gentlemen it elected to congress do not feel that way about it. They seem to cling to the old democratic maxim that anything to win is better than defeat, hence the differences which developed in that caucus. One wing proposed a resolution confined to an attack on the tariff, war on trusts and opposition to the retention of Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines. This signified a desire on the part of that element to stand around and kick at everything the republican party stands for without ever proposing anything better. Another element proposed to declare that the democratic party had advanced sufficiently in the last six years to now declare in favor of the gold standard as provided by law, while a third element proposed to notify the world that the Kansas City platform was still the creed of the party. Unable to agree, the whole matter was finally referred to a committee of twelve to decide, if they could, what the party does or must believe in. This committee is expected to report Friday evening and until then the country must wait to know whether it believes in anything or not.

It is stated that congress will take up the matter of the disfranchisement of the negroes of the south with the view of determining whether the fourteenth amendment to the constitution has been violated by those disfranchising constitutions in some of the southern states and if so to reduce the representation in congress from such states where these state constitutions operate contrary to the fourteenth amendment. It is to be hoped this matter may be vigorously pushed. If the south proposes disfranchisement than every fair-minded man will concede that the south is not entitled to representation for a constituency which is refused the right to vote. In the north, where we have fair contests, many congressional districts at every congressional election cast more votes than entire states in the south that have eight or ten congressmen. The same disproportion also appears in presidential elections. This is unfair and in violation of every principle of free government and should not be tolerated by our people. No one objects to the south being democratic if it wants to, but it is unfair that one vote in that section for a congressman or a presidential elector shall have as much power as four to six votes in the north. No one will care to dispute that a northern voter is the equal of a southern voter in every respect. There is every reason therefore why his vote should count as much in an election in which the whole country is equally interested.

The unanimity with which Speaker Henderson and all the other house officials were reelected by the republican congressional caucus means there is thorough harmony in the ranks of the party. It may also be assumed that so far as the old members are concerned there will be little change in the makeup of committees. The country may expect that the house will be ready for business in a very short time and that the session will be one of the most important in the history of the country and will be a long one.

The wage earners and their families connected with the Baldwin locomotive works number about 100,000 souls and those necessary to supply their wants, including merchants, millers, gas fitters, carpenters, bricklayers, dentists, doctors, ministers, milliners, dressmakers, policemen and so on, amount to 50,000 more, making a total of 150,000 people. This means a large city. It is therefore no wonder that Philadelphia is exercised over the proposed removal of the Baldwin works to some other city for more room.

The Des Moines Capital suggests that the first idiot who writes it "Xmas" should be hit on the head with a stocking of gum shellac.

HOLD CONVENTION.

The Corn Growers and Stockmen Meet at University in January.

The Corn Growers' and Stockmen's convention will meet at the University of Illinois from January 21 to 31, inclusive.

A corn session of two hours will be devoted to the discussion of various topics of special interest to the farmer and a lecture will be given each afternoon having direct bearing upon either corn or live stock. Sessions for corn judging and stock judging will be conducted through the day for those who desire to take special work in this direction.

This is not a "short course," but is a convention of farmers actually at present engaged in agriculture. The topics to be discussed each day are definitely fixed and may be known in advance by consulting the daily program which will be ready for distribution within a few days and can be had upon application of the writer.

At the same time and place as the above the Illinois Domestic Science association holds a convention conducted upon the same plan, with topics for daily discussion in household science. Programs for these exercises may be had either from the writer or from Mrs. Joseph Carter, Champaign.

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FIRST CONTEST

In Y. M. C. A. Athletics Will Occur at the Rooms Tonight.

WILL BE HELD EACH MONTH

The first monthly contest in athletics at the Y. M. C. A. will open at the room tonight. Some time ago the events were given out and the members of the gymnasium classes began to practice. The events are: One-fourth mile potato race, running high jump, bar vault and running hitch and kick. The contestant who wins the highest number of points in the four events will receive a handsome gold medal which he will be allowed to keep until the next contest, which will be held in one month from the time of the first contest. Then the medal goes to the one winning the highest number of points in that contest. The events are to be changed at each contest. At the end of the season the medal will go to the individual scoring the highest number of points in all the contests. The entries up to date are as follows: Shelley, Tolladay, Oder, Keown, Barr, Morgan, Lehman, Neiman, Covington.

After the contest there will be an interesting game of basket ball between the Mueller factory team and the Y. M. C. A. team. The two teams are as follows:

Muellers—Voelcher, captain; Keown, Garver, Tolladay and Auer.

Y. M. C. A.—Barr, captain; Parrish, Rucker, Sweeney, Jones.

The contest will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. A small admission will be charged, the proceeds to go toward buying new apparatus for the gymnasium.

BILL STARR RAVING MANIAC.

Telegram in Western Papers Worries Dewitt Syford—Matter Explained to Him

The following item recently appeared in an Omaha paper concerning a noted Texas outlaw bearing a name that is carried by an esteemed citizen of Decatur or at least a name by which he is know to those most familiar with him:

Laramie, Wyo., Dec. 2.—Special.—Bill Starr, arrested here a few days ago for impersonating an officer, and who is wanted in Texas, has become a raving maniac during his confinement in the city jail. An effort was made to get to him today, but he fought like a tiger, throwing himself against the bars of his cell with force almost enough to break his bones. Tomorrow another effort will be made to reach him and if successful the officers will take him to the insane asylum.

The above came to the notice of Dewitt Syford of Lincoln, Neb., a cousin of W. H. Starr, who not knowing the reputation of Bill Starr and supposing that his cousin while hunting in Wyoming had become demented wrote the following letter:

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 9, 1901.

J. S. Starr, Decatur, Ill.

Dear Cousin: It has been exceptional when I have written to you, not from any difference between you and others of my good relationship, but from habit, from custom, from the way we started out. Circumstance is the father of habit, and circumstances heretofore caused me to write most of my letters to W. H. We are creatures of circumstances.

"We live as we do, all confused,
By ourselves abused or disabused
Created to rise or else to fall,
Great Lord of all things, yet a prey to all."

I feel so sad when I write this that you will just have to excuse the foregoing poetical oratory. I ask you is there anything that I can do? If any of you have already gone? Is it too late for me to intercept you? If not I want you to telegraph me and I will go with you to Laramie, meeting you at Omaha. Upon inquiry I find that W. H. has been on a hunting trip up in Wyoming. Tell Kittie, and Ada and Esther and Aunt Jane, Rebecca and all not to worry. I think that it is only temporary insomnia and if I go there I can get him back into his normal condition. We will bring him to Lincoln where he will have the best of care and the best physician and where if any more signs of the mania show, we can take him to the asylum. But I think that there will be no occasion for this, as next week Nordica, the greatest singer of the world, will be here at our auditorium and if we can get W. H. here in time for this I will take him to hear her. I think that her sweet soothing voice will bring him back to his normal condition. Telegraph me when you start and read this to all the people and let them decide if I am right. Yours, etc.,

DEWITT SYFORD.

Mr. Syford is well known in Decatur. He formerly lived here. It will be remembered that last summer he started to ride to Decatur on horseback from Lincoln, but gave up the trip and took to the steam cars. The fact that he is one of the favored few who ride in railroad trains as the guest of the company causes Mr. Starr and those who know Mr. Syford to tap their heads significantly and say "Poor fellow, the mistake was natural to him." All this and much more was immediately explained to Mr. Syford in two dollars' worth of telegraph message sent collect. This unlooked-for extra expense will probably prevent the Lincoln man from hearing Nordica, but it will set him at rest.

The price of hard coal seems to have been fixed without any regard to the prospect for an open winter.

When a man objects to a woman's sudden change of moods she calls him fickle.

COST AND PROFIT OF A STEER

Some Figures By Mr. Imboden—Notes of Live Stock Breeders' Meeting.

Hon. Oliver J. Bailey of Peoria believed that no other work the live stock breeders could do would count for so much as to cooperate with the college of agriculture. The speaker was surprised at the possibilities of the University of Illinois as the result of his inspection that day, and asks farmer boys all over the state to go there to finish their education in all lines.

Mrs. Joseph Carter recalled the fact that it was just fifty years previous to the opening night of this convention, Nov. 21, that Prof. Turner made his first great address that led to the establishment of land grant colleges.

Prof. H. M. Cottrell said in answer to a reporter's question that the Kansas Live Stock Breeders' association had 200 members and the attendance is larger than in Illinois. The Kansas system of farmers' institutes is somewhat different from those of Illinois. The meetings are held during the summer and always include a picnic dinner; they are one-day meetings. The farmers esteem it a great privilege to attend and they drive in from a distance of twenty or thirty miles; he knew of one party of seven persons who drove seventy miles to attend an institute. The meetings are held after the corn is laid by and before plowing for wheat begins in September. The college faculty had charge of 156 institutes the past year. Referring to his note book he reported the attendance of some meetings in July. They ran as follows: 2000, 800, 100, 4000; one institute was attended by 350 people when the thermometer registered 112 degrees. Five sets of institute workers, two men going together, were holding meetings at one time. It is a fundamental principle with them to provide for free discussion and the asking of questions. There is a question box and some attention is given to recitations. The social feature is not neglected.

W. R. Bascom, representing the freight department of the Illinois Central, promised to take up the matter of a reduced rate in shipping pure bred breeding stock, particularly sires, to the south and west, because of the advantage to the railroad in annually hauling back to market the progeny of these animals.

Charles A. Mallory of Chicago in his paper on "The Marketing of Live Stock," said that stockmen must do more thinking for themselves and they should not be too much affected by changes in price. They should ship about when the stock is ready for market and not before. Ninety per cent of the advances in price are followed quickly by sharp declines.

John G. Imboden of Decatur indorsed what Mr. Chapman said about feeding cattle and particularly about having a brick pavement. He has had a pavement of one course of brick laid flatwise on sand, with sand between the bricks instead of cement, and it had been quite satisfactory for ten years. He also has a concrete tank.

He thought the feeder had a hard proposition this year to make profitable use of the high-priced corn. The average feeder gets not to exceed five pounds of beef from a bushel of corn; a gain of 100 pounds of beef in the feeding period takes $11 worth of corn; this 100 pounds of beef will sell for about $5.50, or just half of its cost price. The advance in price on a steer bought at $4 and sold at $5.50 amounts to just $15 on 1000 pounds and every pound of increase in weight costs 11 cents to the average feeder.

He would not advise feeders to be confident that cattle will bring an extra price next spring.

Mr. Imboden did some figuring on a blackboard to the following extent: A 1000 pound steer at $4 would cost $40; after eight months feed this animal ought to go back to market at $6.50. The first month the steer will eat six bushels of corn; the other seven months he will eat 12 bushels of corn a month, 2-5 of a bushel a day; this is 90 bushels of corn at 50 cents, amounting to $50.40. Interest on the investment at 6 per cent for 2-3 of a year amounts to $3.61; the freight from and to Chicago at 25 cents per 100 pounds on the original weight makes $2.50; total, $96.51. At a gain of 5 pounds of beef for each bushel of corn the gain would amount to 450 pounds, and the 1450 pound steer at $6.50 would bring $94.25, a little less than the cost.

The question is, which is the most profitable, to sell the corn you produced to the elevator man or to this steer. The gain in the hogs following the cattle must more than pay for the roughness. The manure will nearly equal the value of the rough feed. The gain from the hogs will represent the profit if there is a profit.

But if the steer is bought at 5 cents when it weighs 1200 pounds, fed four months and sold at $7, the figures will be as follows: Cost of steer, $60; 60 bushels of corn fed in four months, $33.60; interest of 1-3 of a year, $1.87; freight, $3; total cost, $98.47. The 1500 pound animal, selling at 7 cents, will bring $105, showing a profit of $6.53, as against a loss in the other. The feeder must study out these problems for himself.

Prof. Burnett thought it was a good deal of a gambling proposition to buy feed to fatten cattle now. But the cattleman having the conveniences on his farm should feed some cattle and not be frightened out of the business. It would obviate a good deal of the difficulty if he grows the corn and raises the cattle on his farm.

In the further discussion of this subject it was brought out that probably the beef could be produced much cheaper than was shown by Mr. Imboden's figures.

A WIDOW BRINGS SUIT

Legitimacy of Seven Children Involved in St. Charles Land Case.

An Alton telegram says: The litigation over the possession of the rich estate of Eli Keene, a wealthy land owner of St. Charles county, who lived near West Alton, started today in the St. Charles circuit court before Judge Hughes.

The suit instituted by Mrs. Keene, the widow of Eli Keene, may be an interesting one, as it will involve the ownership of rich farming lands in Missouri, near Alton, valued at $100,000. The legitimacy of the seven children of Eli Keene is in question. The mother of the children was a slave, and Keene lived many years with her, recognizing the children as his own, and so stating in his will. The children will endeavor to show that a common law marriage was in force and that their claim to the estate are well founded. Upon the Missouri statutes, it is alleged, by Mrs. Keene, the inter-marriage of white people with negroes was forbidden, and it was made a felony. In addition to this ground for the children being refused the right to participate in the division of the estate, it is alleged by Mrs. Keene that her husband married her many years before the death of the negro woman, whose children claim to have been recognized as Keene's common law wife, and that Keene never secured a divorce from his alleged negro wife.

Mrs. Keene desires to waive her rights under the last will of her husband and asks that the property be divided according to the Missouri laws, which would give her one-half of the estate. Under the will she would receive only a life interest in one small farm and a few less valuable bequests. There are living on Missouri Point seven of these children of Eli Keene, to each of which he gave in his will valuable farms on Missouri Point near Alton.

Mrs. Keene says that she knew nothing of the relation the negroes bore her husband when she married him and was surprised to learn after the marriage that he recognized the persons bearing his name in Missouri as his children. Keene died in Alton one year ago and his wife believes that his mind was unsound when he made the will, and that undue influence was exercised over him during her absence in West Virginia.

It is said that the case will be carried to the Missouri supreme court in any event. Efforts have been made to effect a compromise of the case, but failed.

LESSON IN VALUE OF CATTLE

In the Sale of a Heifer at the Great Live Stock Show.

Speaking of the high value and excellence of the choice cattle put up for sale at the great live stock show at Chicago, one of the Champaign visitors to the show tells this story:

A prosperous Illinois farmer and his son were at the fair enjoying the exhibitions of fine animals as only men interested in the business can enjoy them. A beautiful young heifer attracted the young man's attention and he said to his father: "Just look at that animal. Isn't she a beauty? Now if we can get her for about $500 I think we would better buy her. What do you think?"

A few minutes later the heifer was turned over to the auctioneer to be sold. A young chap, who apparently had not yet been able to raise a beard shouted, "Mr. Auctioneer, you can start that heifer at $1,000." The bidding was brisk and in a jiffy she was sold for $1,000.

Deeds Recorded.

Jessie M. Devlin to Sylvester Wilhelmy, lots 6 and 7 in block 5 in Harristown; $650.

Lavinia Williams to Mary C. Reeser, 50 acres off of the south end of the east half of the southwest quarter of 17, 18, 4 east; $3750.

George M. Barnett, to Joseph C. Robinson, 16½ feet in width off of the north end of the west half of the southeast quarter of 9, 16, 3 east; $30.

Gertie A. Garrison to Miranda Hartley, lot 29 in block 3 in Lefonge & Patterson's addition to Decatur; $300.

Lewis E. Brown to Morton Grant, lots 1, 2 and 3 in block 5 in Urban Place addition to Decatur; $600.

Della Conn to W. J. Chenoweth, et al, lot 13 in block 1 in M. Forstmeyer's addition to Decatur; $4500.

Charles E. Lindsay to Electa Camp, a lot on South Webster street; $1800.

Ezekiel Prescott to Mary Hibbard, a tract in the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of 14, 14, 1 east; $100.

A Sale.

E. Wright Allen, the well-known farmer and stock raiser of Harristown, will hold a sale of good sound young horses at Harristown on Feb. 20.

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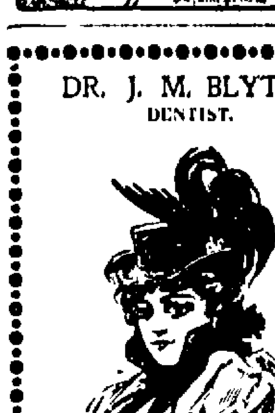

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NEARBY TOWNS.

MT. ZION.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Fletcher were in Decatur last Tuesday.

Mrs. Hattie Cook of Decatur is visiting with Mrs. Fland Abel.

Mr. and Mrs. David Blalock visited with in Cerro Gordo Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mollie Hines visited with friends in Decatur last week.

Mrs. Grant Draper was shoppin gin Decatur last week.

Mrs. Lizzie Nicholson has returned home from Long Creek after a two weeks' visit with friends.

A large number from here took advantage of the cheap excursion to Decatur Wednesday.

Dec. 11.

BEARSDALE.

Austin Baum is visiting his brother Harry Baum from Carlyle, Pa.

Peter Purdy visited over Sunday with his sister in Decatur, who is seriously ill.

The Woodmen will give an oyster supper at the hall Friday night, Dec. 13.

Rev. Rupp and wife visited in this locality last Friday.

John Beall left for Jennings, La., last Thursday where he will engage in the carpenter trade.

J. E. Braden and family will leave for Jennings, La., in the early part of January, where he expects to reside for a year at least.

Dec. 11.

PIERSON.

Mrs. White is a guest at William Sulfern's.

Misses Belle and Bess Johnson of Atwood were in town on Saturday.

Charles McIntosh, county superintendent, visited the schools here last week.

M. and Benjamin Landgrebe left on Thursday for Chicago.

Dr. McNutt of Hammond was in town Wednesday.

Joseph Landgrebe is in Oregon looking up a location.

Dec. 11.

The Horseman's Ball.

The advertising matter for the annual horseman's ball is out. The event is one of the warmest of the season. The entries this year will be the largest yet made and fast time is promised.

Well, what is a man's condition when a witness in a court-martial describes it as "Whence ow"? We don't find it in the Century dictionary.

JUSTICE COURTS.

Two Suits of More Than Ordinary Interest.

Before Justice Hane George Trimby sued James Boone for $12 and some cents for sodding a yard for him. The suit was brought as a labor claim, but the summons was amended after the parties came into court and Trimby sued on the contract. Boone admitted the contract and that the price was to be 5 cents per square yard, but he disagreed with Trimby as to the number of yards sodded. Boone was willing to leave the measurement of the lot to a disinterested party and agreed to pay for the number of yards they might find. Trimby's attorney also agreed to this proposition and the case was held till a committee could make the measurements. On their report Justice Hane gave a decision against Boone for $11.24 and the costs of the case.

ON A NOTE

In Justice McCoy's court C. S. Hankins sued Ed B. Dimock on an old note for $27.50. The note purported upon its face to have been given August 13, 1892, and was for a short period.

It seems that Hankins was recently going through an old desk which had been used as a receptacle for old papers and found the note with a number of others in an envelope. He took the note around to Dimock, who was considerably surprised and wanted to know what the note had been given for. Hankins couldn't remember the exact consideration, but thought that it might have figured in a real estate deal which he had had with Dimock about the time the note was dated. Dimock claimed that if the note was part of the deal it was settled at the time of the final adjustment of the real estate transaction.

Hankins brought suit and claimed that the note was not given in the real estate transaction, but could not state just the consideration, merely presenting the note as evidence. Dimock claims that he had never given Hankins but one note in his life and that this must be the note that figured in the real estate deal. As shown by certain papers and evidence introduced at the trial, the real estate transaction occurred in the fall and winter of 1893 and the spring of 1894. Justice McCoy took the matter under consideration till Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

DAMAGE DONE BY DOG.

Before the same court the case of John Simalki vs. Alden B. Furry was to have been heard Tuesday afternoon, but the suit was dismissed by the plaintiff and another suit started against Frank H. Littlefield, manager of the Merchants' Oil Tank Line Co.

The case grew out of the following occurrences. One Sunday about a week ago while Simalki and his wife were walking peacefully along the sidewalk in the northeast part of the city a dog or dogs ran out of the premises occupied by Furry and charged savagely at them. The animal managed to do some damage to Mrs. Simalki's dress and considerably ruffled her temper and that of her spouse. They found that as Furry lived outside the city limits they could not bring a city case for keeping a savage dog, so they began the damage suit which came up yesterday. Furry drives a wagon for the Merchants' Oil Tank Line Co. and the house where he lives is used by them as a sort of depot and they have stables there. They have also a couple of dogs whose business it is to prevent all the removable articles from being carried off by marauders.

When the case was called Manager Littlefield appeared and claimed the dogs as the property of the company, so the Simalkis dismissed their suit against Furry and instituted a similar one against the oil company.

The trial was set for Tuesday morning, December 17th, at 9 a. m.

CASE REMANDED

The Jansen-Wabash Damage Suit Will Have Another Hearing.

The appellate court has remanded the Jansen-Wabash case. This is a suit which has already had two hearings in the circuit court of Macon county. Several years ago while crossing the Wabash tracks at Broadway Jansen's wagon was struck by a string of cars being switched across that street. He was thrown out and is alleged to have sustained injuries which affected him permanently. The jury at the first hearing gave the plaintiff a verdict for $1500. On the ground that the verdict was not warranted by the evidence a new trial was granted. That time the jury returned a verdict for damages in the sum of $2500. Now the higher court has ordered a new trial, but on what ground is not known here.

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GETTING A JURY

Slusher-Bird Murder Case Was Taken Up Wednesday in Circuit Court.

EIGHT MEN WERE ACCEPTED

Second Special Venire Drawn—Forty Men Were Examined—Many Read the Newspapers and Had Opinions.

The case of the people vs. Dr. B. F. Slusher was called in the circuit court Wednesday forenoon. The charge is murder, the indictment alleging that he gave medicines or used instruments to perform an abortion on Minnie Bird and caused her death.

One of the peculiar things about this case is that Dr. Slusher was not arrested until he went into the court room to appear for trial, although the indictment was returned several weeks ago. As the accused had given bond to the coroner to await the action of the grand jury the arrest of the accused was not deemed necessary. The physician, accompanied by his attorneys, was approaching the court room to answer to a charge which had in fact never been formally made against him, when he was arrested by Sheriff Lehman, who read the capias. After that the defendant was a prisoner as well.

Following the motion to quash the indictment the defense asked that the defendant be admitted to bail. The court answered that could be done only by the state's attorney confessing the motion. State's Attorney Redmon considered that matter until 5 o'clock last evening and then informed the court that he would confess that motion. Slusher remained in the custody of an officer until 8 p. m., when a man named Lyons, living in Cerro Gordo, came into court and signed his bond.

TEDIOUS TASK.

The work of getting a jury was a tedious task. The jury box was filled early in the forenoon and when court adjourned for the day eight men had been accepted by both sides and the state had accepted four others, but the defense had not passed upon any of them.

READ THE PAPERS.

The great majority of the talesmen had read the newspaper accounts of the affair when it occurred last summer. They had formed and still retained opinions which they believed would render them unfit for jurors or the attorneys believed as much.

One talesmen was asked if it was possible, by offering testimony which he had never heard, to bring about a change of opinion so that he could sit as a fair and impartial juror. He answered if it was contrary to what I read in the newspapers." He was excused.

WERE SURPRISED.

Some of the men accepted as jurors were surprised at adjournment hour, when the court announced that those who had been accepted by both sides would not be permitted to separate but must remain in the charge of a bailiff. They had evidently cherished the idea that they would not be locked up until the entire jury had been accepted. Bailiff Frank Taylor was sworn to have charge of the jury. The four men who were passed on only by the state were permitted to separate, but were cautioned by the court that they should not talk among themselves about the case, nor permit others to talk to them.

THOSE ACCEPTED.

The jurors accepted and their occupations are as follows:

HENRY BOEHM, Decatur, employed at the Union Iron Works.

IRWIN W. GORDANIER, Decatur, Wabash bridge carpenter.

FLETCHER THOMPSON, near Niantic, a farmer.

HENRY AFTERHITE, near Blue Mound, a farmer.

THOMAS HAMILTON, Decatur, machinist at Wabash shops.

ROY JAMES, Austin township, a farmer.

S. R. GHER, Decatur, insurance agent.

A. J. SUTTON, Decatur, travelling salesman.

James Freeman, a shoe salesman; J. C. Kown, a coach painter, both of Decatur; Robert Jones, a painter of Niantic, and Matthew Mooney, a farmer near Niantic, are the four accepted by the state and yet to be passed upon by the defense.

A SECOND VENIRE.

Tuesday night a special venire of thirty-six names was drawn to be used in getting a jury in this case. Wednesday forenoon a second special venire of fifty names were drawn as follows:

Decatur—Fred Benke, Charles Surface, Charles Chenoweth, Thomas Hamilton, Moses Jones, William Ammann, J. E. Reavis, Chauncey Deetz, Ed Hill, James C. Keown, J. W. Bell, W. J. Logan, Herbert Howes, James o. Freeman, Samuel R. Gher, George Tuttle, J. S. Galvin, Charles Kuepferle, A. W Gray, William A. J. Martin, J. S. Sanderson, Rudolph Kressen, Charles Kramer.

Long Creek—Martin Davis, Joseph C. Myers.

Friends Creek—Robert Clifton, Frank Benton.

Harristown—J. W. Ratz.

Illini—C. W. McCracken, W. R. Blakley.

Austin—Parker Majors.

Niantic—Robert Jones, Matthew Mooney, John Henebry.

Wheatland—Louis Stehr.

Macon—Fred Richards.

Mt. Zion—C. W. Thomas, William Smith, B. F. Hector.

Maroa—Walter Shoemaker, Chas. Fenton, J. M. Reynolds.

Pleasant View—Charles Gorden, W. R. Copeland, W. A. Rankson, Alva Blanchard.

Whitmore—John Petzer, Grant Kirby.

Milam—John Botrell.

While eighty-six talesmen were drawn the sheriff's deputies could not find all of them, but the great majority reported. Last night when court adjourned there had been forty talesmen in the jury box. The hearing of this case would be pie for the class of men who eternally hang about the court house waiting to be "picked up" for jury service. There are many men, however, who feel that their private interests are such that they cannot really spare the time to do the state the service they owe in that respect. All of the men who were called into the jury box and afterwards rejected were entitled to their per diem just the same. One man was so angry to think that he had been compelled to come into court when he didn't want to come that he refused the order for two dollars tendered him by the circuit clerk.

Messrs. I. R. Mills, C. C. Leforgee, James M. Gray and E. S. Parks appear for Dr. Slusher and State's Attorney W. E. Redmon and his associate, John Hogan, represent the people.

IT'S NO JOKE.

That insurance case is no joke with the jury. They are not able, evidently, to agree whether Luke Craig deliberately killed himself or if it was the unexpected ending of a joke. They retired at 9.30 Wednesday forenoon and at a late hour last night had not been able to come to a conclusion.

CHANCERY.

Matilda Nale vs. Milton Johnson, Sr., exec., et al.; bill to set aside probate of will. Leave to make new parties defendant.

Minnie Garrigus vs. Joseph C. Garrigus; divorce. Cause heard by court and decree as prayed.

LAW.

Catherine Craig vs. The Mutual Protective League; assumpsit. Trial by jury.

PEOPLE'S.

B. F. Slusher; murder. Motion by defendant to quash the indictment overruled. Motion by defendant to be admitted to bail. Motion confessed and bail fixed at $5000.

ILLINOIS FARES WELL

Our Congressmen Recognized By Speaker Henderson in Make Up of Committees.

In the assignment of places on the house committees the Illinois delegation fared as well as could possibly have been expected. Eight out of the eleven republicans have chairmanships. Mr. Reeves is the one new chairman, being put at the head of the committee on patents, which is a first class assignment. The other seven chairmen, as in the last congress, are: Cannon, appropriations; Hitt, foreign affairs; Foss, navy; Hopkins, census; Warner, revision of the laws; Graff, claims; and Smith, private land claims.

Illinois loses one chairmanship by the retirement of General Marsh; and Mr. Prince gave up the nominal chairmanship of one of the unimportant committees, but the state has now just the same number of important chairmanships.

There have been some necessary changes. Mr. Boutell has dropped two of his old assignments on claims and education, neither of which was worth much, and has succeeded to Lorimer's place on the proposed committee, an important position in Chicago. Graff takes Lorimer's place on agriculture, in which Illinois especially is interested, because the committee will consider the oleomargarine bill.

Mr. Prince succeeds General Marsh on the military committee, this assignment having been specially arranged because Prince has been largely instrumental in building up the manufacture of small arms at the Rock Island arsenal.

Illinois loses its representative on the public building committee, owing to the defeat of Rodenberg at East St. Louis and this is a loss which be felt severely.

The assignment of the new Illinois members includes Feeley, elections No. 2, Pacific railroads and election of president and vice president; McAndrews, Indian affairs; Mahoney, railroads and canals and manufactures; Mickey, levees and improvements of the Mississippi river; Selby, pensions and expenditures in the war department; Kern, education and disposition of documents.

IMPLEMENT DEALERS

State Meeting Now Being Held at Peoria —Decatur Represented.

The annual meeting of the implement dealers of Illinois, an association formed in this city a few years ago, is being held at Peoria. There are one hundred and fifty members in attendance and they are considering matters of interest to the trade. C. B. Griffith of Rushville is the president and W. P. Morris of this city is the secretary. The mayor of the city delivered an address of welcome and the response was made by A. W. Sikking of this city. Quite a number of the implement dealers of this city are in attendance.

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John E. Mason, Arthur	28
Bertie Maude Beckman, Arthur	25
Fred B. Beckman, Arthur	27
Addie E. Schouten, Oakland	27
Lee R. Brewington, Decatur	21
Irene E. Gaddis, Decatur	18

DID NOT SPECIFY

Sufficient Detail to Sustain the Charges Made in His Petition

BUT GIVEN LEAVE TO AMEND

Another Garver Case is Occupying the Attention of the County Court—Asks For Removal of Conservator.

There appeared in the county court on Wednesday another chapter of a Garver case, which has on several occasions occupied the attention of that court and the justice courts.

John W. Garver is a distracted person and his conservator is Sam H. Garver. The latter has had several rounds to maintain his position and conduct the affairs of the estate as he believes they should be conducted. One time he sued a son of his ward alleging that the son, a man grown, lived at home and refused to pay board.

In the county court Wednesday Theodore Garver, a son of the distracted man, filed a petition asking that Sam Garver be removed from his position of trust. He gave several reasons why his petition should be granted. Among other things he declared that John W. Garver had been neglected and the estate was not properly managed. It was charged that the conservator had neglected to make proper reports of his acts, showing what had been done with the proceeds of the estate. He charged, too, that the conservator had diverted the estate to his own personal use. That John Garver, distracted, had been left without proper protection, without food and that the petitioner had been compelled to supply the food which should have been furnished by the estate. The petition did not suggest any certain person for the position of conservator but did want Sam Garver removed.

The conservator will not give up without a fight. He demurred to the petition and the court sustained the demurrer. In answer to the petition it was said that that paper was lacking in not setting forth specifically in what way the ward had been neglected, in not detailing what part of the estate the conservator had diverted to his own use, in failing to tell when it was that John Garver had been lacking in sufficient food. Also that the conservator had made full and complete reports of his acts as the law requires.

In addition to demanding that all of the charges be set forth more fully, the conservator denied that there was any truth in any of them.

The court granted leave to the petitioner to amend his petition.

BACK TO THE COAST.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Close Return to California Home.

J. A. Close and wife leave for California today after a delightful visit with many old-time Decatur friends. Mr. Close was for many years in business in this city. He came here almost fifty years ago. He has the distinction of receiving the first goods by railroad that ever came to Decatur. The Illinois Central was built from the north and south and met near Clinton. Mr. Close had some goods at Clinton and went up on the train the day the last rails were laid connecting the north and south ends and brought them back on the same train on its return. Previous to this Mr. Close had handled his supplies from Bloomington by wagon. They came over the Illinois Central to Bloomington and then must come overland from that point to this. Decatur then had but one brick building, being about 20x40 feet on the Cheap Charley corner. There were only about 400 people then in Decatur and his Bloomington friends wondered why Mr. Close wanted to hide himself in such a place as Decatur. Mr. Close though in his 84th year is hale and hearty. He is as sprightly as a man of 50. But for his white hair he might easily pass for a man of 60.

ANNUAL CONCERT.

Choir of St. James Church Making Preparations For an Entertainment.

The members of St. James Catholic church are making preparations for the annual Christmas entertainment, to be given by the choir. The date selected is Dec. 29, and the performance will be in the handsome social hall. In years past the choir of the church has given some fine entertainments and this year promises to be no exception to the rule. In fact the members of the choir expect to excel all their previous efforts.

A feature of the evening will be a farce comedy entitled the "Old Maids' Convention," during which the old maids participating are transformed into young girls again. There will be vocal and instrumental music and refreshments will be served.

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TOO QUICK FOR HIM

Dr. Brown Gets an Object Lesson in Speed of the Fire Department.

Dr. E. J. Brown was awakened from a peaceful slumber early Wednesday morning by the incessant ringing of his electric door bell. The alarm was augmented and emphasized by some one trying to kick in his front door. When the doctor opened up the door he found a breathless colored man who imparted the exciting information "that your house is on fire. The flames are coming up through the roof." The doctor stepped to the telephone and called the fire department and alarmed his wife and children, telling them to make their escape in a hurry. Next he raced down stairs and out in the yard to see how the fire was progressing in the work of destruction. It was doing fine but not working any especial damage, as the chimney was burning out. The doctor felt relieved and returned to the house to notify the fire department not to come, but before he could take down the receiver the fire apparatus was rattling up to the door, piece by piece. The matter was explained to the firemen and they returned to their house. The celerity with which they reached the scene was astonishing, especially when the fact is taken into consideration that the men were in bed when the alarm came in.

HONORS FOR ILLINOIS BOYS.

In the Judging Contest at the Great Live Stock Show.

While the students of Iowa agricultural college carried off the ... trophy and the first honors in the students' judging contest at the live stock show at Chicago, the individual contests resulted in some very creditable honors for students from the Illinois institution. Mr. H. H. Camp, a student here, has credit for second honors in judging all classes of live stock, fourth in judging market classes of sheep, cattle, hogs and horses, first in judging Hereford cattle, fourth in judging all classes of horses, and first in judging Shropshire sheep. The prizes attached to these awards amount to $93. J. O. Finley of the Illinois institution got second award, $25, in the judging of the various classes of short-horns, and D. S. Marks third, $5, in judging Poland China swine.

I. R. MILLS CONFIRMED

Senate Takes Favorable Action in the Case of Revenue Collector.

A telegram received here yesterday afternoon announced the confirmation of I. R. Mills as revenue collector of the Eighth district of Illinois by the senate of the United States.

Mr. Mills has been performing the duties of collector for several months, having been appointed in vacation by the late President McKinley. The matter of confirmation is not a formality. If some senator takes it into his head that a man is unfitted for the place he can make a considerable amount of trouble and not infrequently can prevent confirmation. In Mr. Mills' case, however, there was no objection to be urged against his fitness for the place and his confirmation followed.

WANT SITE FOR BOYS' HOME.

Commissioners Appointed by Governor Ask Help in Establishing Institution.

The commissioners appointed recently by Governor Yates to establish the Illinois state home for delinquent boys have issued a circular asking proposals for a site. By act of legislature $25,000 is appropriated for the buildings, but no provision is made in the bill for ground, and it is expected the latter will be supplied by donation. Three hundred and twenty acres of land suitable for agricultural purposes will be required. The commissioners rely on thoughtful and humane citizens for the necessary assistance. Proposals for sites should be forwarded to E. G. Keith.

Most women's ideas of an interesting man is one who will flatter them into insensibility or that they would like to have their daughters know.

VISIT THE FARM

Supervisors Inspect the Condition... County Alms House.

Wednesday was a rather slow ... the proceedings of the board o... visors. A visit to the poor fa... been made a special order for th... noon and during the forenoon th... various committee meetings in w... principal work was considering ... against the county.

The election of a county physi... steward for the poor farm was ... special order for this afternoo... o'clock. The election will ap... be only a matter of form, becaus... Dr. Meriweather nor W. A. ... have any opposition for those p...

The selection of a grand jury ... low the election of the officers...

The petition of the highway ... sioners of Harristown townsh... ing that the county give aid in e... ing a bridge in that township ... ferred to a special committee c... of Supervisors Ward, Barr... Jockisch.

Supervisor George Johnson a... the public building committee ... county jail and report what wa... ble in the way of providing fo... ventilation and light.

County Treasurer Joe Miller ... ted a statement of the amount o... the treasury. The balance in ... eral fund is $22,213.81. In the ... funds the balances are as follow... house bond fund, $8082.10. This ... the larger part of it will be used ... 1 in retiring court house bonds ... ing interest thereon. The instit... has $116.00 and the trust fund, ...

BRIDGE IN AUSTIN...

The special committee to w... been referred the matter of th... giving aid in erecting a bridge i... township across the Lake Fork ... ditch, reported that the cont... been let to the Indianapolis Bri... pany for $1495. The material i... ing delivered and the construct... will soon be under way. The ... is to be a forty foot steel spa... upon two stone abutments.

WANT DETAILS.

On motion of Supervisor ... the state's attorney was invited ... before the board and tell what ... settlement had been made with ... catur Gas company in relatio... taxes disputed by that compa... they had refused to pay.

NOT YET.

Val Chronister Still Unable to ... It Happened.

Val Chronister, who sustain... vere electric shock on Monday ... ing hold of an incandescent ... his store, on Wednesday was ... to be greatly improved but he ... unable to articulate distinctly. ... is perfectly clear and he make... his wants by writing. He tells ... bers of his family that when he ... to talk a lump seems to ri... throat and choke him. The ex... is that within a few days he ... fully recovered his power of sp...

Change in Gep's Bl...

M. A. Conard, who former... grocery store in Elwin, and ... been making arrangements fo... store in the Gebhart block, ... most of his goods yesterday. ... will be temporarily opened in ... formerly occupied by the Ge... plement company. After the h... will move into the rooms now ... by T. T. Springer who will ... stock to his up town store. ... put in yesterday by Mr. Conar... to be the largest stock any gr... opened in this city.

Mr. Croker cannot possibl... more tired of "bossing" New ... New York is of being bossed ... and his contemplated retirem... political activity will therefore ... with enthusiasm.

Over how steep a toboggan ... unfathomable depths is Tam... hurrying and scurrying...

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OBBED FRIENDS

at is the Charge Against An Aged Woman of Mattoon.

AS ARRESTED IN DECATUR

Missing Gold Sovereign Was Found In Her Possession—Was Returned to Mattoon Protesting Innocence.

Margaret Hays of Mattoon, a woman ween 50 and 60 years of age, was arted in this city Thursday morning and s taken back to Mattoon in charge of nnis Lyons, chief of police of that y. The woman is charged with larcen. The fact that she is an aged woman d that those who know her for years ver dreamed that she would be guilty a crime of that kind, will lend not little interest in the case at Mattoon ere she has made her home for many ars. It is possible that the case may hushed and no prosecution follow if e woman will surrender some of the operty that she is accused of taking. Margaret Hays in other years was a oman of some means. She had been ac stomed to the goods things of life. her old age hard times came upon her. iends of other days, however, did not rget her. The family of John Cunngham and that of Robert Gynn made r welcome to their homes and there she me and went at will.

Several months ago she went to make r home with Cunningham. Soon after st sums of money and articles of othing began to disappear. The thefts ere mysterious. No one could account r it. The employment of a detective as suggested but Mrs. Hays, who was s one of the family, did not believe at such a thing would do any good. he did not hesitate to say that she elieved that the servant girls were guilty. It is said that in the last four onths $100 in various sums disappeared om the Cunningham home. Mrs. Hays ad the freedom of the house and was ever suspected of being the guilty person.

Part of the time she lived at the home f Robert Gynn. There she was as elcome as at the Cunningham home nd there, too, she had the freedom of he house. At the Gynn house, there plug a scarcity of rooms, the old woman roomed with the domestic. A few ays ago Flora Abbott, the domestic at ob Gynn residence, was robbed of a ilk waist and $43 in cash. A day or wo after that Mrs. Hays came to Decatur. The police of Mattoon do not say hat first aroused their suspicions as to Mrs. Hays except that she left the city o soon after the domestic lost her money. It is said, however, that Mrs. Hays, who had no income, and no means of upport except that bestowed in charity by her friends, invested $15 in some goods, which she expected to sell by canvassing from house to house.

In addition to the money and clothing lost by Flora Abbott there were other things missing from the Gynn residence. Robert Gynn was the owner of an English sovereign. The coin he cherished more as a keepsake than for its intrinsic value. That disappeared. Mrs. Gynn had a piece of rare lace, a yoke which her brother-in-law had purchased during a recent trip abroad. That could not be found after Mrs. Hays had been there a short time. The Gynn household was more concerned about the loss of the money and clothing belonging to the domestic, who can illy afford to lose them, than about their own losses.

When she came to Decatur Mrs. Hays went to the home of friends on North Water street. They were amazed when the woman was arrested and gave the officers every assistance possible in searching the house to see if Mrs. Hays had secreted any of the property there, but none of the clothing could be found. In the pocket of Mrs. Hays was found a gold sovereign. This she declared she had secured at the home of Robert Gynn but insisted that he had given it to her for services rendered. That was really the only thing which tends to incriminate the woman. None of the clothing could be found. In her purse she had all told about $30. The officers said that she could not account for this money in a satisfactory way. Being without income there is naturally some curiosity as to how she came into possession of that much money.

Mrs. Hays is not the person to impress one as being a police character. She is a quaint, retiring appearing woman, rather below the average size. On her face is a look that would be called one of resignation. She would be guessed as a regular attendant at church and her appearance in charge of an officer would excite sympathy rather than otherwise.

Rev. Villars' Dates

Rev. U. S. Villars, the G. C. T. of the I. O. G. T. of Illinois, will deliver a free lecture at the Presbyterian church in Macon tonight. He will also speak at Warrensburg Saturday, Dec. 14, at the M. E. church; at Cerro Gordo Sunday evening, Dec. 15, at the M. E. church; and at Bement Dec. 16, at the Presbyterian church.

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John Colves, Beardstown.....19

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THE MARKETS.

The Grain Markets.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Wheat—The market was rather unsettled with sentiment mixed most of the session, the volume of business being smaller than yesterday. There was good trade early, but there was less doing as the session advanced. The final figures showed May off 5-8 and July 3-4 lower. Disappointing cables and more rain in the winter wheat belt started the market easy, May selling off to 79 3-8. Scattered selling of long property was the feature, a part of which was for outside account. At the decline there was good buying by local professionals and eastern interests and prices rallied to 80 1-8, but the advance failed to be maintained. Clearings were moderate, 331,000 bushels, and nine boatloads were reported taken for shipment. Local receipts, 71 cars.

Corn—The market opened easy, May selling off to 65 7-8, and July to 65 3-4, but later advanced to 66 3-4 and 66 1-2, but the advance was not maintained, the close showing 1-8 to 1-4 loss. The transactions were largely local on account of professionals being the principal buyers on the decline. Receipts, 161 cars.

Oats—Traded in liberally, although the volume was not so large as of late. Prices averaged lower, but reacted, closing steady to 1-4 lower. There was a break of 1-2 early with other grains which was taken advantage of by the shorts to cover and prices advanced 3-4 to one cent, but receded later and close 3-8 to 1-2 below the top.

Grain, Flour and Provisions.

Chicago, December 12—

Flour—Prices rather easier.

Wheat—Good trade, rather unsettled, closing lower.

December	75⅞c to
May	79⅞c to

Corn—Moderately active, easier, closing ¼ to ½ lower.

December	63½c to 63⅝c
May	66½c to

Oats—Active, unsettled, closing about unchanged.

December	41⅛c to
May	45c to 45⅛c
No 4 white	47c to 47½c
No 3 white	47½c to

Rye 61⅞c to Barley 56c to 62c;
Flax $1.43 to $1.44 Timothy, $0.55
Clover $9.45 to

PROVISIONS

Pork, Dec $15.20 Jan $10.40 to
Lard, Dec $9.85 to Jan $9.87 to
Ribs, Dec $8.87 to Jan $8.37 to
Short clear sides, $8.75 to $8.85

PRODUCE

Butter, steady, creameries, 14c to 24½c; dairies, 13c to 20c
Eggs, firm, 24c to 25c

DRESSED POULTRY

Market steady.
Turkeys 7c to 9c Chickens, 7c to 9c

How Prices Fluctuated.

Following is the range of options, with yesterday's closing:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos.	Yes.
Wheat—					
Dec 76	....	....	75⅞	76	
May 80⅛@80	80⅛r	79⅞	79⅞	80⅛-a	
Corn—					
Dec 63⅛@63	63⅛	62½-	63½-	63⅞	
May 66⅛@⅞	66⅞	65⅞	66⅛b	66⅞	
Oats—					
Dec 44⅛	....	....	44⅛	44⅛a	
May 45	45⅛-	44⅞	45-	45⅛a	
Pork—					
Jan	....	....	10.10	10.05	
Lard—					
Jan	....	....	9.77	9.85	
Ribs—					
Jan	....	....	8.37	8.45	

Receipts and Shipments.

	Receipts	Shipments
Flour, bbls.	23,000	30,000
Wheat, bushels.	117,000	33,000
Corn, bushels.	130,000	56,000
Oats, bushels.	170,000	173,000

Grain At Peoria.

Peoria, December 12—

Corn—lower.
No 3 ..... 65c to
Oats—lower.
No 3 white.....47½c to

Grain At St. Louis.

St Louis, December 12—

Wheat—

Wheat cash, 82c to		May 83c to
Corn, cash, 66c to		May 68½c to
Oats, cash, 47½c to		May 46½c to

Wheat At Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, December 12—

Wheat—quiet.

Cash	75½c to
December	73½c to
May	75½c to
No 1 hard	77½c to
No 1 northern	74½c to
No 2 northern	73½c to

New York Markets.

New York, December 12—

Wheat—Spot weak.
Receipts, 63,000 Exports,

No 2 red fob afloat	85½c to
No 2 red elevator	82½c to
December	82½c to
May	84½c to

Options closed weak and ½ to ¾ net decline.

Corn—Spot weak.
Receipts, 6,000 Exports, 4,000

No 2 elevator	69½c to
No 2 fob afloat	71½c to
December	69½c to
May	70½c to

Options closed weak at ½ to 1½ net lower

Oats—Spot quiet.
Receipts, 113,000 Exports, 3,000

No 2	51c to
No 2 white	54c to
Track mixed western	51c to 51½c
Track white western	53c to 57c

Options quiet and easier with other markets.

PRODUCE

Butter—firm, creamery, 16c to 25c
Cheese—firm, large, small, 9½c to 11c
Eggs—steady, western 26c to

Live Stock Gossip.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Cattle—Supplies are too large, about 67,000 having been marketed here so far this week against 54,180 for the same time last week. With estimated receipts today of 12,000 trade was extremely slow from the start, dressed beef concerns having stocked up heavily Monday and Wednesday when supplies were large. Aside from the strictly choice fat beeves or rather heavy weights prices showed a further decline of ten to twenty-five cents.

Hogs—The market is being glutted all the time with light weight droves and prices continue on the down movement. Today's receipts were in the neighborhood of 47,000 and as fifteen thousand were carried over last night, there were some 62,000 in the yards today. Shippers took a few prime heavy hogs early at about steady prices, but the market soon weakened and hogs averaged ten to fifteen cents lower with slow trade.

Sheep—With estimated receipts of only 14,000 and a good demand trade was animated and prices firmer.

Live Stock Prices.

Chicago, December 12—

Receipts 12,000.
Market choice steady, others lower.

Beef, good to prime	$6.20	to	7.50
Beef, poor to medium	4.00	to	5.90
Cows	1.25	to	4.50
Texans	4.50	to	5.40
Stockers	3.00	to	4.25

Hogs—Receipts, 47,000.
Market, heavy steady, others 5 to 10 lower.

Heavy	$6.25	to	$6.60
Light	5.10	to	5.80
Mixed	5.70	to	6.40

Sheep—Receipts, 14,000.
Market, steady to strong.

Sheep	$2.75	to	$4.25

Lambs, strong to ten higher.

Lambs	2.00	to	5.25

At St. Louis.

St. Louis, December 12—

Cattle—Receipts, 4,000.
Market steady to strong.

Native Steers	$3.50	to	$6.50
Stockers and Feeders	2.25	to	3.75
Cows and Heifers	2.00	to	5.00
Texas Steers	3.15	to	5.25

Hogs—Receipts, 8,000
Market 5c lower.
Range, $5.80 to $6.50

Decatur Markets.

Wholesale Prices.

Lemons, 300 size	$3.75	to	$4.00
Apples (per barrel)	3.50	to	5.00
Northern potatoes, bu	.95	to	1.00
Cabbage, per lb	.01½	to	.02
Eggs, per dozen	.18	to	.16
Bananas, bunch	.75	to	2.00
Sweet potatoes, per bbl.	3.00	to	3.50
Onions, bushel	1.35	to	1.50
Cranberries, per bbl	7.50	to	8.50

PAID BY GROCERS.

Butter	.20	to	.22
Eggs	.15	to	.16
Lard	.11		

GRAIN.

For lots of 500 or more bushels the local millers are offering 63 cents for white corn and on the same condition 60 cents for yellow. The prices quoted below are for single wagon load lots. Oats in large lots are worth 40 and 44 cents for white and mixed respectively.

White corn	.60	to	
Mixed corn	.58	to	
Wheat, soft	.70	to	
Wheat, hard	.68	to	
Oats, white	.42	to	
Oats, mixed	.40	to	
Rye	.50	to	

POULTRY—LIVE WEIGHT.

The poultry receipts have been heavy the last week. The first few days following Thanksgiving there was a lull in the receipts, but the prospects now are that with seasonable weather the receipts will continue to run heavy until after the holidays. There is a strong demand for strictly fresh eggs. The amount of storage stuff sold is ten times the amount of the fresh stock. These prices are offered by the shippers:

Hens, per lb	.06	to	
Springs	.06½	to	
Cocks	.03	to	
Ducks	.06	to	
Turkeys	.05	to	.07
Geese	.04	to	
Eggs	.23	to	

WHOLESALE HAY AND STRAW.

Timothy hay, per ton	$11.00	to	12.00
Clover hay, per ton	.00	to	9.00
Oat Straw, per ton	4.50	to	5.00
Shredded fodder	5.50	to	6.00
Wheat straw, per ton	4.00	to	4.50

BUTCHER STOCK.

Hogs, per 100 lbs	$5.00	to	$5.35
Calves	4.00	to	4.50
Shipping cattle	4.50	to	5.00
Cows	2.50	to	3.00
Heifers	3.00	to	3.50
Butcher steers	3.50	to	4.00
Sheep	2.50	to	3.00
Lambs	3.00	to	3.50

HIDES AND WOOL.

Hides, No. 1 green, lb.	.07	to	
Horse hides, each	2.00	to	2.50
Mule hides, each	1.50	to	
Calf hides, lb	.08½	to	
Colt hides	1.00	to	
Cured hides, lb	.08½	to	
Wool, lb	.14	to	.18

RETAIL PRICES.

FEED.

Oats	.50	to	.55
Corn	.70	to	.75
Linseed oil meal, cwt	1.65	to	1.75

HAY AND STRAW.

Timothy, per cwt	.75		
Clover, per cwt	.60	to	.65
Oats straw, per cwt	.35	to	.40
Wheat straw	.30	to	.35
Threshed timothy, per cwt	.50	to	

New Postal Card.

The government is about to issue a new postal card. It will be the same size as those now in use, but at the upper right hand corner is a portrait of the late President McKinley. It is three-fourths face, looking to the left, with the words "Postage One Cent" and "1843-McKinley-1901" below the stamp and following its eliptical contour. Some of the cards are expected here within the next few days.

Deeds Recorded.

John A. Merris to Jeddiah H. Gibson, lots 15 and 16 in block 33 in Railroad addition to Macon; $1000.

Robert M. Park to Hugh G. Park, two acres in the north side of the river off of the west side of the undivided half of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of 19, 16, 2 east; $10.

Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold.

Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure no pay. Price 25 cents.

THE SLUSHER CASE

There Was Nothing Sensational In the State's Testimony Offered Thursday.

TWO PHYSICIANS TESTIFIED

As to Conditions Revealed By the Autopsy On the Body of Minnie Bird —The Craig Case.

The Slusher case made good progress Thursday and the state will no doubt close its side of the case early today.

There was a large crowd in the court room during all of the day and court was in session until nearly 8 o'clock. Within the bar railing sat nearly a dozen women, a number of them being witnesses.

The getting of a jury was finished Thursday morning. Three of the last four tendered by the state Wednesday evening were accepted by the defense and then it did not take the opposing sides long to accept Frank Benton of Argenta as the twelfth man.

In the opening arguments I. R. Mills for the defense said that there was absolutely nothing in the charge against Slusher. State's Attorney Redmon argued that there was strong circumstantial evidence which would warrant a conviction.

Emanuel Bird, the father of the dead girl, was the first witness and related that his daughter was 18 years old. She came to his home in Lake City Saturday, ten days before she died and, accompanied by her brother came to Decatur. She spent Sunday at home and returned to Decatur on Monday, being unaccompanied that time. When she was home on Saturday and Sunday he did not notice any cough nor did he hear her complain of any illness.

J. W. Long, the sweetheart of the dead girl, said that he visited her at her father's home the Sunday before she came to Decatur. She then confessed her condition to him and told him that it was her intention to come to Decatur to be treated by Dr. Slusher. Long related that during the carnival last October he met Dr. Slusher and had a conversation with him in relation to the dead girl. At that time the defendant insisted that he was not responsible for the girl's death, but on the contrary had done everything possible to bring her back to health. Long also related that he visited the girl in Decatur during her illness.

J. M. Hutchins, at whose home the girl had lived prior to coming to Decatur, said that he had never noticed any signs of a cough nor had heard her complain of any illness.

Mrs. Liens, a nurse, who has an office with Dr. Slusher, testified that Minnie Bird came to the office of Dr. Slusher on Tuesday, eight days before her death. She came about 9 o'clock a. m. and waited in the office until noon. Then the doctor came in and with Minnie Bird went into his private office. They remained there about five or six minutes. When the girl came out she held in her hand medicine in a vial and some tablets. She paused and said to Dr. Slusher, "If I get sick you will come and see me," and the physician gave the assurance she asked. Mrs. Liens further testified that the girl came to the office on Thursday, but did not meet Dr. Slusher at that time.

Mrs. Inman related that Minnie Bird came to the Inman restaurant on the Tuesday preceding her death and remained there until Thursday.

Mrs. Day, in whose rooms the girl died, testified that Minnie Bird came there on Thursday and gave her name as Freda Randall. Friday the girl became ill and that evening had a chill. The girl said that she had been treated by Dr. Slusher and had taken baths. When the girl became alarmingly ill Dr. Slusher was sent for. He denied that he had given the girl any baths and said that she was suffering from stomach and bowel trouble. Mrs. Day said that she wanted the girl taken away from the house, but Dr. Slusher said that she was too weak physically to be moved. Mrs. Day suggested that some other physician be called in consultation and on Saturday Dr. Burke came with Slusher. Mrs. Day also said that she insisted that a nurse be secured because she recognized the fact that the girl was dangerously ill and she did not have time to care for her.

Mrs. Cromwell, who was engaged as a nurse to care for the girl, said that when Drs. Slusher and Burke wanted to make an examination the sick girl rebelled and insisted that there was no necessity for such action. She cried and would not for some time listen to anything of that kind, but finally consented and Dr. Burke made the first examination.

Dr. J. N. Randall and Dr. W. C. Wood were both on the stand to tell about the autopsy they had conducted. Both of the physicians testified that they found physical conditions which, if they had existed first, would have caused the woman to abort. On the other hand an attempt to force the woman to abort might have brought about the conditions referred to. It was not possible to tell which had been the cause and which the effect unless one had a perfect knowledge of the case from the start.

Dr. Randall, who was first on the stand, was examined at great length. Each physician was instructed to first relate what had been discovered when the autopsy was made, and were then questioned by the state's attorney, and afterwards cross-examined by the defense.

During the forenoon there was an argument on the legal point as to whether J. W. Long, the lover of the dead girl, should be permitted to testify. Judge Vail finally ruled that he could relate what conversation he had with the girl before she came to Decatur.

DISAGREED.

The jury in the Craig insurance case disagreed after being out about twenty-four hours and on so reporting to the court were discharged and the cause continued. As a result it will not be known, officially, until another trial can be had whether Luke Craig was accidentally killed while perpetrating one of his jokes or whether he committed suicide.

CHANCERY.

Catherine A. Craig vs. The National Protective League: assumpsit. Jury unable to agree and were discharged by court and cause continued.

PEOPLE'S.

B. F. Slusher; murder and abortion. Trial by jury.

A BILL FOR CHAMPAIGN

Warner Asks Congress to Appropriate $100,000 For Building.

Citizens are agitating a government building. When Congressman Warner was in town shortly before going to Washington for the opening of the present session of congress the matter of a postoffice building was talked over with him by several business men, and he expressed his willingness to undertake to get a bill through for the construction of such a building.

He indicated that he would have undertaken it at the last preceding session, but the sentiment of that session ran so strongly against appropriations for such work that he determined to let the matter go over for the time. Now, however, on the very first day of the present session Colonel Warner introduced a bill and had properly referred the following bill:

"That the secretary of the treasury be, and hereby is, authorized to acquire a site and cause to be erected thereon at Champaign, Ill., a building to be used as a postoffice. That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to pay for said site and for the erection of said building.

The amount of money mentioned may be assumed to be guaged on the theory that such bills are always cut down before the original designation, and so the supposition is that after the measure has been subjected to the pearing operation it will still carry enough to construct such a building as the city requires.

Sangamon's Debt.

Before the December session of the Sangamon county board of supervisors is over the question of how the county shall be freed of its enormous debt, is to be settled. The bond issue of $200,000 does not seem to meet with the approval of all members, and when the resolution calling for a special election is offered which will probably be on Friday morning, many addresses are looked for.

Farewell Party.

On Wednesday, December 11th, a party of friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smithson, six miles east of Decatur, to bid them farewell prior to their departure for Oklahoma. About thirty friends were present and they came with well-filled baskets. The afternoon and evening was happily spent.

Those present were Messrs. Telford, Moma, Seitz, Shambaugh, Baker, Connett, Walter, Quigley, Jess Garver, Morton and their wives; Ralph and David Garver, Kittie Jennings, Ruth Moma, Lulu Quigley, Hattie Morton and E. S. Dillehunt.

A Woman's Awful Peril.

"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation" were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters, which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful Stomach, Liver and Kidney remedy. Cures Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite. Try it. Only 50 cents. Guaranteed. For sale by J. E. King, N. L. Krone and H. W. Bell.

Revival

At Dalton City a revival is being conducted at the United Brethren church by Rev. W. H. Truebloud, the pastor. He is being assisted by Rev. Inman of Gulesville. Wednesday there had been nine accessions to the church and on Wednesday night five arose for prayers. The meetings have been in progress for nearly two weeks and will continue as long as the interest remains at its present point.

FARMERS COLUMN

FOR SALE—A 160-acre prairie farm in Fayette county Illinois, 3 miles north west of Vera, will be given away for $15 per acre. Don't wait to write but come at once and get this bargain. H. C. Doyle, Vandalia, Ill.—6-w4w

FOR SALE—75 pure bred Plymouth Rock cockerels. Have been a breeder of this fowl for 20 years exclusively. Address Mrs. W. Broughtman, Mt. Zion, Ill., or telephone Mt. Zion.—dec10-w1mo

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE—Estate of Joseph Major, deceased.

The undersigned, having been appointed administratrix of the estate of Joseph Major, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 29th day of November, 1901.

MARIA A. MAJOR,
Administratrix.
dec3-w3w

CHANCERY NOTICE—State of Illinois, county of Macon, ss. In the circuit court January term, A. D. 1902. May Esta Hacke, who sues by her guardian, Armilda S. Hacke, vs. Augustus C. Hacke and others: in chancery. Bill for partition.

It appearing by affidavit filed in my office, that Augustus C. Hacke and Anna G. Hacke, two of the defendants in the above entitled cause, are non-residents of the state of Illinois, notice is hereby given to each of you, the said Augustus C. Hacke and Anna G. Hacke, that the above named complainants have filed their bill of complaint in said court on the chancery side thereof, which said suit is now pending, and that summons thereupon issued out of said court against each of you, the said Augustus C. Hacke and Anna G. Hacke, returnable on the first day of the next January term thereof, to be held at the court house in Decatur on the second Monday of January, A. D. 1902. Now unless you, the said Augustus C. Hacke and Anna G. Hacke, shall each be and appear on the first day of said term of said court, and plead, answer or demur to said bill of complaint, the same will be taken as confessed against you and decree rendered according to the prayer thereof.

Dated this 6th day of December, A. D. 1901.

JOHN ALLEN,
Clerk.

Hoblit & Smith, Complainant's Solicitors, Lincoln, Ill. dec10-w4w

WANTED—Everybody to know that the only place to get a square meal for 15 cents is at Myers restaurant, 451 North Water street, Decatur, Illinois.—oct15-wtf

WANTED—Carriage painting and trimming; all kinds of vehicles put in first class shape. Fine work a specialty; latest in colors and styles. I can please you. J. L. English, 122 North Church street.—sep22-dtf

LOUISIANA rice farm for sale.—400 acres of the choicest rice land; only half a mile from good town on Southern Pacific railway; new buildings; new land, on first class canal, and in center of the oil belt. Price $27.50 per acre. For terms address Wm. Briggs, owner, Lake Charles, La.—3-d4t

MASTER IN CHANCERY'S SALE—State of Illinois, Macon county, ss. In the circuit court.

Richard J. Dickinson et al, complainant, vs. John P. Dilling, defendant; in chancery, No. 18132.

Public notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, in the state of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the October term of said court, A. D. 1901, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on Wednesday, December 18th, 1901, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the city of Decatur in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit:

All of lots nine (9) and ten (10) in section sixteen (16), township seventeen (17) north, range three (3) east of the 3rd principal meridian, and otherwise described as the north half (½) of the southeast quarter of said section sixteen (16), containing eighty acres, all in the county of Macon and state of Illinois.

Terms of sale—The land will be sold subject to a mortgage given to secure a note for $1700 on the 27th day of August, 1898, payable five years after date with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, and also subject to the interest on said note after the 1st day of March, 1902, and also subject to the taxes for the year 1901.

Possession of said land will be given on the first day of March, 1902.

Terms of payment—One thousand dollars cash must be paid on day of sale; five hundred dollars on the first day of March, 1902, and the balance of the purchase money shall be paid March 1st, 1903, and be secured by mortgage on the property sold. But the purchaser may pay all cash on day of sale or on the first day of March, 1902, if he so desires.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 18th day of November, A. D. 1901.

JAMES J. FINN,
Master in Chancery.

J. Albert Briggs and Mills Bros., Complainant's Solicitors.
nov19-w4w

DRAINAGE NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Drainage Commissioners of Illini Special Drainage District in the Counties of Macon and Logan and State of Illinois will be held at the office of the County Clerk of Macon county, in the City of Decatur and State of Illinois, at the hour of eleven o'clock a. m., on the 20th day of December, 1901, as decided upon by said commissioners, for the purpose of enlarging the boundaries of said Special Drainage District to include therein the lands described as follows, to wit: The North East Quarter of Section sixteen; also the South half of Section sixteen; also the North West Quarter of the North East Quarter of Section seventeen; also the South half of the North East Quarter of Section seventeen; the North West Quarter of Section seventeen; the South half of Section seventeen; the North East Quarter of Section eighteen; the South West Quarter of Section eighteen; the South East Quarter of Section eighteen; all of Section nineteen; all of Section twenty; also the North half of the North East Quarter of Section twenty-one; also the North West Quarter of Section twenty-one; also the North half of the North half of the South West Quarter of Section twenty-one, the North half of Section twenty-nine, and the North half of Section thirty, all in Township eighteen North, Range one east of the Third Principal Meridian, in the County of Macon and State of Illinois, according to a petition therefor presented and duly filed in the office of the County Clerk of Macon County, aforesaid, on the 20th day of November 1901, a copy of which is hereto attached.

Given under my hand this 26th day of November, 1901.

J. M. Dodd,
County Clerk.

COPY OF PETITION.

"To the Drainage Commissioners of the Illini Special Drainage District in the Counties of Macon and Logan and State of Illinois:

The undersigned landowners do hereby respectfully petition that the following described tracts of land, to wit: the North East Quarter of Section sixteen; also the South half of Section sixteen; also the North West Quarter of the North East Quarter of Section seventeen; also the South half of the North East Quarter of Section seventeen; the North West Quarter of Section seventeen; the South half of Section seventeen; the North East Quarter of Section eighteen; the South West Quarter of Section eighteen; the South East Quarter of Section eighteen; all of Section nineteen; all of Section twenty; also the North half of the North East Quarter of Section twenty; also the North half of the North half of the South West Quarter of Section twenty-one, the North half of Section twenty-nine, and the North half of Section thirty, all in Township eighteen North, Range one east of the Third Principal Meridian, in the County of Macon and State of Illinois, be attached and made a part of the Illini Special Drainage District in the Counties of Macon and Logan and State of Illinois.

Your petitioners would further represent that the above described land is involved in the same system of drainage, and require for outlets the drains of said Special Drainage District, and that this petition is signed by a majority in number of the adult owners of land lying in said area of land sought to be attached to and made a part of said Illini Special Drainage District, and that they are the owners in the aggregate of more than one-third of the lands lying in the area proposed to be attached to said Illini Special Drainage District, and that they are the owners of the major part of the land and constitute one-third or more of the owners of the land proposed to be attached to and made a part of said Illini Special Drainage District. That hereunto annexed is a schedule, marked "Exhibit A" and forming a part of this petition, showing the names of the owners of the several tracts comprised in said proposed Drainage District, together with their postoffice address, so far as the same is known with a description of the tracts of land owned by each.

Said petitioners therefore pray that you, the said Drainage Commissioners, will proceed to enlarge the boundaries of the said Illini Special Drainage District in the Counties of Macon and Logan and State of Illinois and include in said Illini Special Drainage District the lands hereinbefore described, as desired by said petitioners and expressed in this petition.

Dated this 10th day of October, A. D. 1901.

George Weller.
A. J. Bradshaw.
J. S. Barry.
John Rau.
W. W. Heft.
Geo. Johnston.
Lenord Hellman.
George Hellman.
H. H. Hoover, as trustee for Sec. 16, T. 18, R. 1, E., Macon Co., Ills.
Henry Heiserman.
Clora E. Heiserman.
Oma Heft.
L. E. Rogers.
Henry Hellman.
L. S. Kerwod.
J. E. Klick.
M. J. Davison.
Emma J. Heft.
C. W. Rogers.
F. B. Rogers.
Jacob Heiserman.
S. R. Nowlin.
Henry Rau as trustee for Sec. 16, T. 18, R. 1, E., Macon County, Ill.
W. W. Heft as trustee for Section 16, T. 18, R. 1 E., Macon Co., Ill."

"EXHIBIT A."

All lands hereinafter described are situated in Township 18 North, Range 1 East of the 3rd P. M. in Macon County and State of Illinois.

Wm. Heft, North East Quarter of Section 16, 160 Acres, Maroa, Ill.

Henry Rau, South half of Section 16, 320 Acres, Latham, Ill.

H. H. Hoover, Maroa, Ill.

Lenora Hellman, East half of North West Quarter Section 17, 80 Acres, Maroa, Ill.

Wm. Heft, West half of North West Quarter, Section 17, 80 Acres, Maroa, Ill.

Ida A. Aler, North West Quarter of North West Quarter of Section 17, 40 Acres, Unknown.

Olive M. House, South West Quarter of North West Quarter of Section 17, 40 Acres, Unknown.

Vivian M. Aler, South East Quarter of North West Quarter of Section 17, 40 Acres, Unknown.

Henry Heiserman, North East Quarter of South West Quarter, of Section 17, 40 Acres, Maroa, Ill.

Wm. Heft, North West Quarter of South West Quarter of Section 17, 40 Acres, Maroa, Ill.

Henry Heiserman, West Half of South West Quarter of South West Quarter of Section 17, 20 Acres, Maroa, Ill.

Clora E. Heiserman, East Half of South West Quarter of South West Quarter of Section 17, 20 Acres, Maroa, Ill.

Foster S. Heft, West Half of South East Quarter of South West Quarter of Section 17, 20 Acres, Maroa, Ill.

Oma Heft, East Half of South East Quarter of South West Quarter of Section 17, 20 Acres, Maroa, Ill.

T. C. Hoaglin, West Half of South East Quarter of Section 17, 80 Acres, Maroa Ill.

J. A. Nowlin, East Half of South East Quarter of Section 17, 80 Acres, Des Moines, Iowa.

David Patterson, North East Quarter of Section 18, 160 Acres, Decatur, Ill.

David Patterson, South West Quarter of Section 18, 192 Acres, Decatur, Ill.

David Patterson, West Half of South East Quarter of Section 18, 80 Acres, Decatur, Ill.

George Hellman, East Half of South East Quarter of Section 18, 80 Acres, Maroa, Ill.

George Johnston, North East Quarter of Section 19, 160 Acres, Maroa, Ill.

David Patterson, Lot 1, West Half of Section 19, 35.80 Acres, Decatur, Ill.

John Johnston, Lot 2, West Half of Section 19, 35.58 Acres, Latham, Ill.

John Johnston, Lot 3, West Half of Section 19, 32 Acres, Latham, Ill.

John Johnston, Lot 4, West Half Section 19, 30.40 Acres, Latham, Ill.

A. J. Bradshaw, Lot 5, West Half of Section 19, 46.95 Acres, Latham, Ill.

A. J. Bradshaw, Lot 6, West Half Section 19, 93.60 Acres, Latham, Ill.

A. J. Bradshaw, South East Quarter of Section 19, 159 Acres, Latham, Ill.

S. R. Nowlin, East Half of North East Quarter of Section 20, 80 Acres, Maroa, Ill.

T. C. Hoaglin, North West Quarter of North East Quarter of Section 20, 40 Acres, Maroa, Ill.

George Hellman, South West Quarter of North East Quarter of Section 20, 40 Acres, Maroa, Ill.

Lenord Hellman, North East Quarter of North West Quarter of Section 20, 40 Acres, Maroa, Ill.

Henry Hellman, North West Quarter of North West Quarter of Section 20, 40 Acres, Maroa, Ill.

Henry Hellman, South Half of North West Quarter of Section 20, 80 Acres, Maroa, Ill.

J. S. Kerwod, North Half of South West Quarter of Section 20, 80 Acres, Latham, Ill.

Jacob Heiserman, South Half of South West Quarter of Section 20, 80 Acres, Mt. Pulaski, Ill.

John Rau, North Half of South East Quarter of Section 20, 80 Acres, Maroa, Ill.

John Rau, South West Quarter of South East Quarter of Section 20, 40 Acres, Maroa, Ill.

Martha Davison, South East Quarter of the South East Quarter of Section 20, 40 Acres, Latham, Ill.

John Rogers, North Half of North East Quarter of Section 21, 80 Acres, Decatur, Ill.

William Rogers, Maroa, Ill.

Emma Heft, Maroa, Ill.

Louis Rogers, North Half of North West Quarter of Section 21 and 80 Acres, Maroa, Ill.

John Rogers, North Half of South Half of North West Quarter of Section 21, 40 Acres, Decatur, Ill.

Frederick Rogers, Latham, Ill.

Rachael Rogers, Maroa, Ill.

Ernest Klick, South Half of South Half of North West Quarter of Section 21, 40 Acres, Latham, Ill.

Ernest Klick, North Half of North Half of South West Quarter of Section 21, 40 Acres, Latham, Ill.

George Weller, North East Quarter of Section 29, 160 Acres, Mt. Pulaski, Ill.

J. S. Barry, North West Quarter of Section 29, 160 Acres, Latham, Ill.

A. J. Bradshaw, North Half of Section 30, 341.81 Acres, Latham, Ill.—nov20-w1w

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sent that the above described land is involved in the same system of drainage, and require for outlets the drains of said Special Drainage District, and that this petition is signed by a majority in number of the adult owners of land lying in said area of land sought to be attached to and made a part of said Illini Special Drainage District, and that they are the owners in the aggregate of more than one third of the lands lying in the area proposed to be attached to said Illini Special Drainage District, and that they are the owners of the major part of the land and constitute one-half or more of the owners of the land proposed to be attached to and made a part of said Illini Special Drainage District. That hereunto annexed is a schedule, marked "Exhibit A" and made a part of this petition, showing the names of the owners of the several tracts comprised in said proposed Drainage District, together with their post office address, so far as the same is known, with a description of the tracts of land owned by each.

Said petitioners therefore pray that ... said Drainage Commissioners, ... proceed to enlarge the boundaries of said Illini Special Drainage District ... the Counties of Macon and ... State of Illinois and include in ... Special Drainage District the ... hereinbefore described, as desired ... petitioners and expressed in this petition.

Dated this 10th day of October, A. D. 1901.

George Weiler,
A. J. Bradshaw,
J. S. Barry,
John Rau,
W. W. Heft,
... Johnston,
Leonard Heilman,
George Heilman,
H. H. Hoover, as trustee for Sec. 16, T. 18 R. 1 E., Macon Co., Ills.,
Henry Heiserman,
Conrad Heiserman,
Ona Heft,
L. E. Rogers,
Henry Heilman,
J. S. Kerwod,
J. E. Kiick,
M. J. Davison,
Emma J. Heft,
C. W. Rogers,
F. B. Rogers,
L. ... Heiserman,
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W. W. Heft as trustee for Section 16, T. 18 R. 1 E., Macon Co., Ill."

"EXHIBIT A."

All ... hereinafter described are situated in Township 18 North, Range 1 East of the 3rd P. M. in Macon County ... State of Illinois.

Wm. Heft, North East Quarter of Section 16, 160 Acres, Maroa, Ill.
Henry Rau, South half of Section 16, 320 Acres, Latham, Ill.
H. H. Hoover, Maroa, Ill.
Lenora Heilman, East half of North West Quarter Section 17, 80 Acres, Maroa, Ill.
Wm. Heft, West half of North West Quarter, Section 17, 80 Acres, Maroa, Ill.
Ida A. Aler, North West Quarter of North West Quarter of Section 17, 40 Acres Unknown
Olive M. House, South West Quarter of North West Quarter of Section 17, 40 Acres, Unknown
Aaron M. Aler, South East Quarter of North West Quarter of Section 17, 40 Acres, Unknown
Henry Heiserman, North East Quarter of South West Quarter, of Section 17, 40 Acres, Maroa, Ill.
Wm. Heft, North West Quarter of South West Quarter of Section 17, 40 Acres, Maroa, Ill.
Henry Heiserman, West Half of South West Quarter of South West Quarter of Section 17, 20 Acres, Maroa, Ill.
Clara E. Heiserman, East Half of South West Quarter of South West Quarter of Section 17, 20 Acres, Maroa, Ill.
Foster S. Heft, West Half of South East Quarter of South West Quarter of Section 17, 20 Acres, Maroa, Ill.
Ona Heft, East Half of South East Quarter of South West Quarter of Section 17, 20 Acres, Maroa, Ill.
T. C. Hougin, West Half of South East Quarter of Section 17, 80 Acres, Maroa, Ill.
J. A. Nowlin, East Half of South East Quarter of Section 17, 80 Acres, Des Moines, Iowa.
David Patterson, North East Quarter of Section 18, 160 Acres, Decatur, Ill.
David Patterson, South West Quarter of Section 18, 192 Acres, Decatur, Ill.
David Patterson, West Half of South East Quarter of Section 18, 80 Acres, Decatur, Ill.
George Heilman, East Half of South East Quarter of Section 18, 80 Acres, Maroa, Ill.
George Johnston, North East Quarter of Section 19, 160 Acres, Maroa, Ill.
David Patterson, Lot 1, West Half of Section 19, 95.80 Acres, Decatur, Ill.
John Johnston, Lot 2, West Half of Section 19, 73.78 Acres, Latham, Ill.
John Johnston, Lot 3, West Half of Section 19, 32 Acres, Latham, Ill.
John Johnston, Lot 4, West Half Section 19, 36.49 Acres, Latham, Ill.
A. J. Bradshaw, Lot 5, West Half of Section 19, 16.95 Acres, Latham, Ill.
A. J. Bradshaw, Lot 6, West Half Section 19, 93.00 Acres, Latham, Ill.
A. J. Bradshaw, South East Quarter of Section 19, 160 Acres, Latham, Ill.
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SELECTS THE SON

Indiana Judgeship Will Be Given to Francis E. Baker

MAKES CURIOUS CONDITIONS

Father's Decisions As District Judge Subject to Review By His Son

Washington, Dec. 11.—There is considerable disturbance among the members of the Indiana delegation over the appointment of Judge Francis E. Baker to the circuit court, which includes in its jurisdiction the states of Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. The attorney general made a public announcement this afternoon that the appointment will go in at once.

This ends a long and bitter fight in which Chicago has a particular interest, because the circuit court sits in that city oftener than in Indianapolis and Milwaukee. The disturbance in the Indiana delegation is entirely political and grows out of the belief that the action today is a severe blow to the presidential prospects of Senator Fairbanks.

Though the fight has been an exceedingly determined one in some respects, no one has at any time questioned the ability of Judge Baker, who is an associate justice of the Indiana supreme court. The significance of his appointment lies in the fact that he was pushed by Senator Beveridge and by his local congressman, Mr. Brick of South Bend.

All the other members of the delegation, including Senator Fairbanks, were opposed to Judge Baker. They were reinforced by National Committeeman Harry S. New, who had an Indianapolis candidate of his own.

The strongest argument against Judge Baker was the fact that his father is the judge of the United States district court for Indiana, and many lawyers claimed it was improper to concentrate the federal judiciary in the state in one family, to say nothing of the fact that the son, if appointed, would have to review the decisions of his father.

The members of the delegation and Senator Fairbanks did not unite on any one man, but asked the president to appoint almost anybody except Judge Baker. It is understood that between Senator Fairbanks and Judge John H. Baker, father of the new appointee, there has been considerable friction.

ELDER BAKER TO RESIGN.

The elder Judge Baker, it will be remembered, also took an advanced stand on the subject of government by injunction, and during the Conkey strike at Hammond restrained men from attempting even to persuade the nonunion men to quit work. For this the Typographical union made a bitter attack on the elder Judge Baker, and this antagonism of the labor organizations was transferred to his son.

As President Roosevelt has chosen to select the candidate nominated by Senator Beveridge, against the nearly unanimous wish of the republican representatives, against the protests of the labor organizations, and against the personal wishes of Senator Fairbanks, the result has been a natural upheaval in the Indiana delegation.

Practically all of the members of congress have been identified with the political interests of Senator Fairbanks, and some of them, like Mr. Watson, who wants to be governor, are afraid that the president intends to make war on the senior senator from Indiana, while some even go so far as to say that this is the first step in the direction of a Roosevelt and Beveridge ticket in 1904.

It can be stated, however, on the best authority, that while this appointment doubtless means some loss of prestige for Senator Fairbanks, and a corresponding boom for Senator Beveridge, the president's action was taken for no political reasons whatever, but merely because he believed Judge Baker to be the best equipped of any of the men mentioned for the place.

As far as regards the impropriety of having both father and son on the federal bench in the same state, it can be stated on the same excellent authority that the elder Judge Baker will at once retire from the bench, and in that case his place is likely to be filled by some friend of Senator Fairbanks to even up matters.

Beck Can Stay

New York, Dec. 11. Johann Beck, the painter, who arrived here boxed up in the hold of the Palatia, nearly dead, was allowed today to enter the country as an immigrant. This privilege was granted by a special board of inquiry. Beck was turned over to two men, who said that they would see that he did not become a public charge.

Funeral of Rev. Kelly

Boston, Dec. 11.—The funeral of the Very Rev. Hugh B. Kelly, dean of the diocese of Ottumwa, Iowa, was held at St. Joseph's church, Somerville, today. The burial was in St. Paul's cemetery, Arlington.

LOYAL AND PATRIOTIC

Catholics Announce Allegiance and Mourn For McKinley

Cincinnati, Dec. 11.—The Federation of Catholic societies tonight adopted a constitution which provides more fully for the working of the centralized power without interfering with the autonomy of any of the societies that affiliate with it. The basis of representation is two delegates from each local society and the same ratio carried on up from the parish to the county, the county to the state and the state to the national organization. In the state conventions there shall be one delegate for each thousand members or more. While local federations of larger cities will retain autonomy as well as independent societies, the constitution provides a plan of organization under county federations directly, and indirectly under state and national federations. A provision is made for ample resources with initiation fees of $5 for societies and a per capita tax. No state is to have the presidency more than two successive years. Among the resolutions adopted were:

"Resolved, That we also pledge to our country that devotion and patriotism, which is incumbent upon good citizens. As faithful Catholics, respecting the lawfully established authority, we desire to give expression in an especial manner to our condemnation of the dastardly act, by which the life of the chief executive of the nation, President William McKinley, was brought to so sudden and untimely an end. On this occasion we earnestly wish the success, happiness and prosperity to his successor, President Theodore Roosevelt, and his administration.

Chicago was selected for the next convention. T. B. Manahan of Ohio was elected president. The other officers reported by the nomination committee will be reported tomorrow. These include G. H. Cannon, vice president; Nicholas Gonner of Dubuque, secretary; B. M. Keerst of Minnesota, member of the executive council.

HOLD THEIR FIRST CAUCUS

Democrats of the Senate Re-elect Jones As Chairman.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The democratic senators today held their first caucus of the present session. The purpose was to consider committee assignments, but the occasion was more than of ordinary significance because of the general attendance upon the caucus. All the senators elected as democrats with the exception of McLaurin of South Carolina were present; also the senators elected as silver republicans or populists and all the independents including Senator Teller of Colorado. There was a general expression of satisfaction with the present caucus officials and Senator Jones of Arkansas was re-elected unanimously as chairman. The old committee on order of business was reappointed and the one vacancy on that committee was filled by the selection of Senator Dubois of Idaho, who was the choice of all the western members of the caucus.

RED CROSS OFFICERS

Plans Under Way to Extend Society By Means of State Auxiliaries.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The Red Cross society held its annual meeting here today and unanimously re-elected Miss Clara Barton president of the society; General John M. Wilson, first vice president; Mrs. John A. Logan, second vice president; Lyman J. Gage, treasurer; Richard Olney, former secretary of state, counsellor; S. W. Briggs, secretary. The treasurer's report showed receipts for the year, $5,310; expenditures, $3,609. Plans have been partly formed for the extension of the society by means of state auxiliaries.

WITH HIS BOOTS ON

Texas Desperado Killed After Mortally Wounding An Officer

Houston, Texas, Dec. 11.—When Officers J. C. James and Herman Youngst attempted to arrest Sid Preacher this afternoon, the latter opened fire with a shotgun. At the first fire he mortally wounded James, who fell. He then fired at Youngst, knocking him down, and was on top beating him, when James raised himself and fired three times, killing Preacher. James and Youngst died within the same moment.

Clausen Released

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Gustav L. Clausen, arrested in September charged with complicity in an alleged conspiracy to bribe, in connection with certain street railway franchises of Kenosha, Wis., was today released on a writ of habeas corpus. When the matter came up today the district attorney of Kenosha county announced the charge against Clausen had not been substantiated and the men who filed information in Kenosha, had recalled the charge and made affidavit that they were not true. On this showing Clausen was released.

May Come to Holland

London, Dec. 11.—A correspondent of the Standard, telegraphing from Brussels, says he hears confidential negotiations are imminent between Great Britain and Holland, which are not unlikely to result in an arrangement for bringing the Boer women and children to Holland.

HE IS NOT FOR IT

New Treaty Does Not Meet the Views of Senator Bacon

BUT HE WILL NOT OPPOSE

Senator Cullom Makes Speech in Favor of New Agreement.

Washington, Dec. 11.—When the senate met today prayer was offered by Rev. Herrick Johnston of Chicago, Chaplain Milburn being absent. The house concurrent resolution providing for holiday adjournment, Dec. 19th until Jan. 6th, was referred to the committee on appropriations. The senate at 12:22 p. m. on motion of Senator Lodge went into executive session to further consider the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and at 2:50 p. m. adjourned until tomorrow.

Two speeches on the Hay-Pauncefote treaty were made in executive session, one by Senator Bacon in opposition to the treaty, and one by Senator Cullom, prospective chairman of the committee on foreign relations, in support of it. Senator Bacon replied to the speech made yesterday by Senator Lodge. He summed up his objections in the statement that he could not freely accept any treaty which does not place the isthmian canal entirely under American auspices and American control. This, he said, the pending treaty does not do, nor does it do anything like it. It did not by long odds accomplish what had been accomplished by the senate amendments made to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty at the last session of congress. He said the war restrictions of the treaty were entirely inconsistent with the claims of Senator Lodge that this country should say who should use the canal and who should not in case of hostilities. In conclusion Senator Bacon announced that while he had no intention of voting for the treaty he would do nothing to obstruct its ratification.

SENATOR CULLOM.

Senator Cullom made a speech upon the fact that there are two things in connection with the new treaty upon which, he said, practically all are agreed. One of these was the desirability of the supercession of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, and the other that of the necessity for the construction of an isthmian canal. He contended the new treaty radically changes the conditions presented by the first Hay-Pauncefote treaty, clearly relieving it of the necessity for such amendments as that made to the old treaty upon the suggestion of Senator Davis, because the treaty itself would permit the United States under the undetermined law to own, manage and defend the canal in any way that it may choose. He admitted that the new treaty retains the general principle of neutralization that was in the original Hay-Pauncefote treaty, but urged it does not reenact or keep alive any of the provisions of the treaty of 1850. While it retains the doctrine of neutralization the provision making that retention applies to all nations alike, but to none of them for any longer time than they observe the regulations prescribed by the United States. When they should fail in this observance we could close the canal under the terms of the treaty. In short, Senator Cullom urged that there is no provision in the pending convention which would interfere with our right as a nation to close up the waterway to any belligerent power.

GROUT BILL UNPOPULAR

Live Stock Men Will Fight It To Last Ditch

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Hon. John W. Springer, president of the National Live Stock association, returned today from Washington where he had an interview with President Roosevelt upon matters now before congress and in which stockmen are interested. Springer expressed himself as entirely and fully satisfied that the stock and irrigation interests will receive just consideration. Speaking of the Grout bill introduced in congress last week he expressed himself strongly against the measure and said: "The dairy interests have brought all their influence to bear to secure the immediate passage of this bill and I will not be surprised to see the measure a law at an early day." Speaking for the packing interests and, as he said, the beef growers of the west and the cotton raisers of the south, Springer declared there was but one way in which the measure could be defeated and that was for every man identified with interests opposed to the Grout bill to write to his senators and representatives in congress demanding that they vote against it. Springer declared that even should the bill become a law it will be contested through the supreme court of the United States.

Funston in Ill Health.

Manila, Dec. 11.—General Funston will sail for the United States Dec. 16th on the transport Warren. The doctors have ordered a change of climate and the general is going home on sick leave.

COMMISSIONER ROCKHILL

Makes His Long Expected Report On China.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The long expected report of Special Commissioner Rockhill to the secretary of state on the results of his work in connection with the Chinese negotiations in Pekin has been submitted to congress, along with the full text of the protocol which has been already published and a mass of detailed statement.

It was on this report that the president based his commendatory reference to Rockhill's work in his recently published message to congress.

Beginning by detailing conditions under which he came to be appointed commissioner in July, 1900, Rockhill tells of the visits he made to the viceroys of Shanghai and Nu-Chang, which he said did not a little to further the interests of peace.

Rockhill says he fully concurred in all measures Minister Conger had been and was advocating. These negotiations extended over a period of fourteen months.

Rockhill then at considerable length details the results of negotiations and the role played by the United States in the Pekin conference, concluding:

"While we maintained complete independence we were able to act harmoniously in the concert of the powers, the existence of which was so essential to prompt and peaceful settlement of the situation; we retained the friendship of all negotiating powers; exerted a salutary influence in the cause of moderation, humanity and justice; secured adequate reparation for wrongs done our citizens and guarantees for their future protection and labored successfully in the interests of the whole world in the cause of equal and impartial trade with all parts of the Chinese empire."

BRUSH SCHEME DEAD

A. G. Spalding Likely to Be Made League President

New York, Dec. 11.—John T. Brush's scheme for a revolution of the national game is dead. At the meeting today the National league magnates decided the league was a perpetual body and did not cease with the expiration of the Indianapolis agreement December 18. It was decided also that no club can be expelled from the league except for specified causes as set forth in the constitution and the laws of the organization. Thus Brush's plan for syndicate baseball came to an end. A motion to elect A. G. Spaulding as president was postponed because such action was out of order at present. It is understood upon good authority that at least five clubs favor the election of Spaulding. They are Pittsburg, Boston, Chicago, Brooklyn and Philadelphia. Action upon this matter will be taken in its order after the reports of directors and committees. The meeting adjourned about midnight. President Young announced nothing for publication.

YUNG LU WINS A FEATHER

Protected Foreigners Against the Boxers —Honor to Li's Memory.

Pekin, Dec. 11.—An edict has appeared which bestows honor upon the late Li Hung Chang and upon Prince Ching and other officials for their participation in the peace negotiations. A most remarkable clause awards to Yung Lu, who commanded the best disciplined troops which opposed the allies, the two-eyed peacock feather for having protected foreigners against the boxers. It was announced from Shanghai late in August, 1900, that according to written evidence then coming to hand General Yung Lu was the real author of the anti-foreign outbreak in Pekin and Tien-Tsin.

Have Morgan's Good Wishes

New York, Dec. 11.—The sloop yacht Volante, on board of which six young men expect to circumnavigate the globe, is expected to leave Seagate today on her voyage. The sextet who are to sail more than 30,000 miles, if disaster does not overtake them are Harry Langdon, H. J. McGehan, Russell Millard, C. R. Middleby of Boston, H. C. Dana and W. C. McMichael.

All are under 25 years of age. Three of the young men, Langdon, McGehan and Millard, called on J. Pierpont Morgan and told him of their plans. They said the Azores would be the first stop. They would reach the Indian ocean by way of the Mediterranean. Mr. Morgan questioned them very closely as to there own knowledge of seamanship and navigation and ended by wishing them God-speed and a safe return.

Big Damages

Omaha, Dec. 11.—The jury in the case of Miss Agnes Frizzell, who sued J. C. Root, sovereign commander of the Woodmen World, and others for a publication in the Tidings of an alleged libel, tonight returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for $14,000 damages. The publication arose through a controversy over the placing of a tombstone over the grave of a victim of an Arkansas tornado.

Guilty of Manslaughter.

Minneapolis, Dec. 11.—Reuben Pickett, who has been on trial for the murder of his wife, whose charred body was found in the bath room of their flat, was found guilty of manslaughter in the first degree by the jury today.

TEACHERS' UNION

Is Now Proposed By the American Federation Of Labor

TALK OF TRADE AUTONOMY

An Appropriation to McKinley Memorial Fund To Be Made

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 11.—Business closely relating to organization of labor in fields where there is no union and the strengthening of the hands of those who have embraced unionism, took up most of today's session of the American Federation of Labor. Thirty odd resolutions were considered, upon eight of which final action was taken. All other propositions were either sent back to committees or referred to the incoming executive council which has power to dispose of questions referred to it. The great question of trade autonomy is now in the hands of a special committee appointed to consider the subject and to which all resolutions and other documents relating to trade or industrial autonomy were referred. Among the resolutions adopted were: Recommending the federation make an effort to organize the school teachers of the country; authorizing the federation to send representatives to the national and international organizations; endorsing the label of the International Wood Carvers' association; instructing the executive council to use every effort to secure the passage of a national law protecting and legalizing union labels. The reading of the report of the executive council took up more than an hour of the convention's time. It was sent to the committee for consideration.

The Federation of Labor convention took up the report of the executive council this morning. The report is voluminous and is a comprehensive review of all matters that will come before the council.

The Shaffer-Gompers, Mitchell controversy, growing out of the recent steel strike, is not mentioned.

The report eulogizes the late President McKinley and recommends that the federation make a direct appropriation to the McKinley memorial fund.

There were 910 charters granted unions by the federation during the year.

The council advocated passage by congress of anti-injunction and Chinese exclusion laws.

The council regretted the effort made in certain parts of the west to divide and injure the labor movement and recommends that members of the council be sent to the convention of the western federation of miners with the object of bringing about harmony.

Revision of the "Don't patronize" list is recommended, as many firms are out of existence.

THE TARIFF QUESTION

Is Still the Absorbing Question in Prussian Politics.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—Continuing the tariff debate in the reichstag today Count Von Kanitz, the agrarian leader, declared "the shaping of Germany's commercial relations with America will be the most important task before the country for the next decade. The Saratoga treaty of 1891 was the sorriest achievement ever scored by Germany. American predominance in commerce," said the agrarian leader, "is a danger to Europe and it is quite possible a few American millionaires may buy our commercial fleet. In that case the German captains and seamen would be in the pay of the United States. A tariff war with this country would be impossible because the United States sells us far more than she buys from us."

Herr Senger, social democrat, disclaimed hostility to agriculture but he asked if the emperor and princes, who are large land holders were willing to bear the stigma of profiting by the "bread usury," which the tariff certainly fostered. He did not think his majesty wished to profit by a "hunger tax," but the bill has already created a hatred and excitement in the minds of the masses who are apt to see a sinister conclusion between protection and land ownership.

They Collided

Oil City, Pa., Dec. 11.—A Pennsylvania freight train southbound on the Olean division collided with an extra freight northbound tonight at Walnut Bend, eight miles north of here, throwing about fifty cars into the river. Two trainmen were injured and one man is missing. The latter is Head Brakeman McGladdon, who is supposed to have been thrown into the Allegheny river and drowned.

Divide the Money

New York, Dec. 11.—A billiard match to decide the second and third honors between Slosson of this city and Barutel of France did not take place tonight. The men decided to divide the money and honors. Each had won three and lost two games.

LOADED WITH JEWELS

Negro Man and Woman Are Held For Robbery

Omaha, Dec. 11.—W. H. Woods and a female companion, giving the name of True Johnson, both colored, were arrested by the police today, charged with having robbed Alfred Lowenthal, a traveling salesman from a New York jewelry firm in a Portland, Ore., hotel, of $15,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry. When arrested there was found in their possession $3000 worth of diamonds and jewelry, railroad transportation to Portland and a check for $200 which was given by a local pawnbroker in exchange for a diamond brooch.

Leavenworth, Kas., Dec. 11.—W. H. Wood and Maggie L. Johnson, the negroes arrested at Omaha for participating in the jewelry robbery at Portland, Ore., were here Thanksgiving evening, leaving the next morning for Omaha.

Maggie Johnson's mother, Mrs. Hillard, runs a negro boarding house here and gave a party in honor of her daughter's arrival. The negroes were literally loaded down with gems, their fingers being encircled with so many diamond rings that they could not close their hands. While here they disposed of jewelry worth $2000.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 11.—Brooks Grant, colored, a barber's porter, who came here about three months ago from Montana, and Kelly Wiley, also colored, a waiter on a Northern Pacific dining car, were arrested here today on the charge of robbing A. F. Lowenthal of $10,000 worth of diamonds at the Hotel Portland on the night of Nov. 17. Both men deny all knowledge of the robbery. Grant says that he knows W. H. Woods and Maggie Johnson, arrested in Omaha today on the same charge.

AGREE TO TIME LIMIT

But It Is Not Expected It Will Be Adhered To By Roads

Chicago, Dec. 11.—An agreement was reached today by the executive officers and general passenger agents of the western roads regarding the time of trains between Chicago and St. Paul and Missouri river gateways. A resolution was adopted, providing that not later than Dec. 31 the minimum time between Chicago and Omaha shall be 13 hours and 30 minutes, and that not later than Dec. 22 the minimum time between Chicago and St. Paul and Minneapolis shall be 12 hours and 55 minutes. This puts the schedules between Chicago and Omaha back to the slow time under the old agreement, while the time between Chicago and St. Paul is only 25 minutes faster than made under the old agreement. While all the roads represented voted for the new agreement, it is by no means certain it will be carried out. It is understood the president of one of the roads objects to the agreement and the prospect is that he will repudiate it. He takes the position that the principle of fixing a time schedule of short lines to meet the conditions of long lines is wrong and against the public interests.

MRS. DALE STILL HELD

Prosecuting Attorney Refuses to Agree to Her Release

New York, Dec. 11.—Counsel for Mrs. Hale, who was exonerated by the coroner's jury from the charge of having poisoned her daughter, Emmeline, called on Assistant Prosecutor T. Vickers today, with a view to securing Mrs. Dale's release, she being virtually a prisoner in St. Mary's hospital. He suggested that Mrs. Dale be released on her own recognizance, but Vickers would not consent. He had no desire to persecute Mrs. Dale, but would not consent to her discharge until County Physician Converse had received a detailed report of the analysis made by Dr. Otto Shultz. When that would be ready he was uncertain. Finally he agreed that $10,000 would be sufficient security, and it was arranged. A motion to admit Mrs. Dale to bail will be made before Judge Blair in the general sessions of the court tomorrow morning.

An Iowa Wedding

Oskaloosa, Iowa, Dec. 11.—Miss Bernice Lacey, the youngest daughter of Congressman John F. Lacey, of the sixth district of Iowa, was married this evening to Carroll B. Sawyer, a young business man of this city. The ceremony was celebrated at St. James Episcopal church and was witnessed by a large company of guests. The bride is a graduate of the Wilson college of Chambersburg, Pa., and attracted considerable attention in society last season in Washington.

To Exterminate Tuberculosis

Madison, Wis., Dec. 11.—The Wisconsin Live Stock Sanitary Board today completed regulations relating to the disposition of animals affected with bovine tuberculosis. The ownership of such stock shall have the option of quarantining the cattle under the direction of the state live stock sanitary board; or the privilege of shipping such cattle to some abattoir designated by the board for immediate slaughter under the United States government inspection. In case of neither of these privileges being accepted, the cattle are to be condemned and slaughtered.

SCHLEY COU...

The Evidence All Gone, and Conclusion Already Reached

REPORT WRITTEN BY RAM...

Conclusion Reached Will ... Be Mentioned Even in Fa... ilies of Members

Washington, Dec. 11.—The ... court of inquiry is ready to sub... findings and opinion to the secret... the navy. It is understood tha... meeting the court approved the ... draft of its conclusions on all ... one point of the precept, which h... been definitely determined. Add... information relating to this poi... regarded as necessary. This was ... ed and it is believed that the co... only disposed of the matter, but ... its conclusions on the subject ... report before adjournment.

From all accounts the court's ... and conclusions were put into ... by Rear Admiral Ramsay, the ... member. The greatest care has b... ken to prevent the substance of ... formation whatever about them ... out. It is even said that the m... of the court agreed not to discu... case with members of their own... lies. It is the understanding that ... port will not be submitted to ... writer operator for copying, but ... laid before the secretary of th... in the handwriting of the mem... puted to draft it.

Great Western Improve...

Omaha, Dec. 11.—President ... C. Stickney of the Chicago and ... Western road spent the day he... ing over the road's proposed ... in Omaha and to look after t... facilities. He says the extension ... city will begin about April 1st, th... of the grading has been let and th... er part of the material for the ... been contracted for. He expe... road will be completed and tra... ning in a little over a year.

Democrats Divided,

Washington, Dec. 11.—N... speeches were made by the de... members at a caucus held prior ... meeting of the ways and mean... mittee today, because of the ... which had arisen as to united op... as to the Philippine bill drafted ... publican member. It developed t... Louisiana members favor the ... cause it imposes the Dingley ... Philippine sugar.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Dec. 11.—Southwar... Antwerp; Georgic, from Liverp... Glasgow—Astoria, from New ... London—Menominee, from Ne... Southampton—Philadelphia, fr... York.

Queenstown—Majestic, from N... for Liverpool; Belgenland, from ... delphia for Liverpool.

Moville—Numidian from St. Je... ifax for Liverpool and proceed...

A Tunnel Company

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 11.—A ... company which includes among ... rectors officials of the Pennsylva... Long Island companies, was in... ed today to operate a railr... through the underground tun... necting New Jersey with Long... The name of the company is the ... vania and New York Extension ... company. The capital is $1,000...

Prints Get More Mon...

New York, Dec. 11.—The T... and Typographical Union have ... upon a wage scale and shop ru... piece scale is increased two c... thousands ems; time hands ge... week increase now, and a fu... crease of fifty cents next Octo...

Burkhouser Indicted

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Andrew ... houser was today indicted fo... slaughter for killing Ferdinand ... Nov. 30. The crime was the ou... the Allis-Chalmers labor con... Trap was said to have been em... the strikers, while Burkhouse... non-union employe at the Allis-... plant.

Miss Stone Alive

Berlin, Dec. 11.—A Sofia co... ent of the Lokal Anzeiger ... that Miss Stone was recently ... at Kopriveskoilol near Dubnits...

WEATHER FORECA...

Washington, Dec. 11.—Illinoi... Thursday and probably Friday... winds, mostly northerly.

LOCAL WEATHER.

The following is a record of ... perature for the twenty-four h... ing Wednesday evening at 7 ... reported by Prof. J. H. Coon... ernment observer:

7 a. m. .... 26 Highest ...
Noon .... 36 Lowest ...
7 p. m. 35

MUST BE STRICT

Government Orders Its Gaugers to Watch Distilleries

Collector of Internal Revenue Mills has received a circular letter from the commissioner of internal revenue at Washington relative to gaugers. The internal revenue bureau suspects that, owing to a combination of circumstances, opportunities have been afforded to distillers who might be so inclined to violate the law and increase the capacity of their plants without the knowledge of the government.

A warning has been sent out by Commissioner Yerkes which, in effect, is a notification that storekeepers and gaugers who are derelict in keeping their records will be subject to instant dismissal. This means that such dereliction will, in the future, be taken as ground for the belief that the storekeeper or gauger whose records are not kept up to date is in collusion with the distiller to defraud the government. The question arose over keeping the records of the fermenting tubs. To properly ferment a mash requires ninety-six hours, and as the distillery is taxed on 80 per cent of its producing capacity according to the government schedule, whether that much liquor is produced or not, it is to the interest of the distiller to keep his tubs going all the time. By using a sweet mash he can produce fermentation in forty-eight hours, and thus doubled his capacity.

Without a complete record of the time when the tubs are filled and emptied it would be possible for the distiller to distill one tubful for government inspection and another for private sale, and the books would show only one mash in ninety-six hours, where there had been two. Of course, the collusion of the storekeeper or guager in charge would be necessary, but it has been the experience of the bureau that such employes are not always proof against temptation. The commissioner has addressed two circulars on this subject, one to collectors and guagers and storekeepers and the other to revenue agents.

Nothing may come of it, but the suggestion that congress shall take control of the beefsteak question is one of the most humane hints of the season.

DAMAGING EVIDENCE

Against Stokes Suspected of Chicago Post Office Robbery

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Chief Postoffice Inspector Stuart sent for a clerk in the wholesale stamp department of the Chicago postoffice today to go immediately to New York city to identify if possible some packages found in Stokes's apartments in Brooklyn. The original wrappers have been found, intact ... tially so on some packages ... recovered. The employee ... York had the custody of the ... and is said to have entered pe... cil marks to simplify the system ... ling this branch of the go... business. The pencil marks ... tions have been discovered on ... pers of stamps taken from ... if these are identified by th... clerk the evidence will be ...

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OT A NAME ALONE

hn Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. Gives Demonstration of That Fact.

HIRTY DAYS OF GRACE RULE

tended to All of the Policy Holders—That Saves to Widow of W. C. Miller $20,000.

J. S. Galvin, general agent for the hn Hancock Mutual Life Insurance mpany, has received notice from the me office of the company, that the le granting thirty days' grace for the yment of premiums has been extend- to include all policies in force in that mpany.

This ruling will have a local interest ide from the fact that there are so any policy holders here, because the licy of the late W. C. Miller is the st one to be affected, and further be- use the ruling was not made until ter the death of Rev. Miller when s policy had supposedly lapsed for n-payment of the premium. Last Jan- ary the directors of the John Han- ck company made a rule that in the ture policy holders would be granted irty days' grace in the payment of eir premiums. That, however, was to be applied only to those policies tak- n out after that ruling was made.

Rev. W. C. Miller on May 7, 1900, ok out a twenty-payment $20,000 licy in the John Hancock Mutual Life surance company. Their fourth semi- nnual payment fell due on Nov. 7, 1901, was not paid and the insured died on November 2? with the premium still un- paid. Under the old rule the policy ad lapsed.

Mr. Galvin, in behalf of Mrs. Miller, ook up the matter with the home office nd pointed out that being a strictly utual company, all members should njoy the same benefits and that the ule of thirty days' grace should apply o those who had insured prior to Jan. , 1901, the same as those who had in- ured after that date. There was a recedent for this in the ruling of the ompany on another question. The John Hancock company will lend to its policy olders, cash to the amount of the sur- ender value of their policies. When oney became easier and the common ate of interest dropped to 5 per cent he company decided that those policy olders who had borrowed company mon- y, should have their rate of interest educed to 5 per cent, although they ad contracted to pay 6 and 7 per cent. That was on the theory that it was a utual company and all of its members hould share like benefits.

Mr. Galvin at once notified Mrs. Mil- er at Jennings, La., of the ruling of he company and in reply received a rateful acknowledgment from her. The olicy held by Mr. Miller was less than ve years old and and the first four semi- nnual premiums amounted to $1,924, rom which is deducted $130, dividends arned, leaving the net cost $1,794. Rev. Miller was one of four Decatur men arrying $20,000 policies in the Han- ock company. The Hancock company y the way has the largest single policy ver written in this city $25,000. Mr. alvin Bkowise has the record of collect- g the largest annual premium ever aid on a life policy in this city $1,387. There is another interesting fact in re- ation to life insurance in his business and that is that his office distributes o policy holders each month, dividends n reductions of premiums, a mounting o $1,250, and the sum of dividends earn- d is constantly increasing

MARRIED.

WESTLAKE—COLVES

Edgar Westlake of Assumption and Lula Colves of Beardstown were mar- ied Thursday afternoon in the county court room. The ceremony was perform- ed by Judge W. L. Hammer.

Mr. Roosevelt refers to reciprocity as the "handmaiden of protection." It will not be long until reciprocity is joining the domestics' union.

Call up Hunt's feed store, corner Broadway and Cerro Gordo. New phone, 584. We send it to you.

HOPKINS IS OUT

Has Formally Announced His Candidacy For U. S. Senatorship.

WILL CANVASS THE STATE

Declines to Release His Claim to His Seat in Congress As Desired By the Party Leaders.

Congressman Albert J. Hopkins formally was put forward as a candidate for United States senator at a meeting of republicans from his old and present districts held at Aurora Wednesday, says the Chicago Tribune.

Mr. Hopkins responded in a speech, saying he would make the race, but failed to state whether, if he failed of the senatorship, he would not attempt to fall back into his present place. In an interview he declined to express himself on this subject.

This question is the burning one in the counties of Will, Kane, Dupage and McHenry, formerly the Eleventh, Mr. Hopkins' present congressional district. Already there are six other candidates for the congressional nomination, and the feeling is that if Hopkins wants the help of the republicans of the district in his attempt to be senator he must get out of the way of the aspirants for his seat in the lower house. In fact, the representatives from Will county practically said as much yesterday.

MAY OPPOSE INSTRUCTIONS.

Another source of trouble is that the prospective members of the legislature from the two districts say they are willing to vote for Hopkins for senator as long as he has a chance of election, but they are not willing to be bound to him in a way which would preclude all chance of being with the winner after Hopkins' chances have faded, and what is more to the point, they will refuse to be delivered to any other senatorial candidate.

"I am for Hopkins," said one of these men yesterday, "and will vote for him. He cannot, however, deliver my vote to Lorimer or Yates or any candidate whom Lorimer and Yates may select. I have a well defined second choice of my own."

DAIRY INTERESTS AROUSED.

It is not believed Mr. Hopkins will have clear sailing even in his own territory. The farmers of the district the greatest dairy and butter district in the country—are not in love with what they call the oleomargarine combination that exists between Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Lorimer and Mr. Moxley, the big imitation butter manufacturer of Chicago. They charge that Mr. Hopkins has not represented their district as he should and if there is any chance of getting him out of the congressional race by encouraging his chase of the senatorial will-o'-the-wisp they will lend such an effort all the support possible. This may account for some of the enthusiasm with which Mr. Hopkins' project was received yesterday.

WORK FOR STATE CONVENTION.

It developed that the plan of the Hopkins campaign is to secure an indorsement for him as the senatorial candidate from the next republican state convention. In this he is to have the assistance of Governor Yates and ex-Congressman Lorimer. In furtherance of this scheme he is soon to undertake a personal canvass of the state.

According to a leading party manager in his own (Kane) county, should Hopkins fail of the indorsement of the state convention, which Lorimer and Yates have promised him, then he will no longer be a candidate for the senatorship and will fall back on the congressional nomination. That is why he is unwilling to burn his bridges behind him by declaring himself out of the congressional race.

OBJECT TO "LAST DITCH" TIES.

Another matter of gossip in Aurora was how far the senatorial convention for the district composed of Kane and Kendall counties would go in the way of instructing its nominees to the legislature on the senatorial question. Kane county controls the convention, but too stringent resolutions will be fought. One of the strongest politicians in Kane county said yesterday:

"Kane county members never have been instructed on the senatorial question and there is no need of instructing them. The members from the district will all vote for Hopkins, but can not be bound further. With him out of the way they are competent to make their own selections. Kane will certainly not consent to give any 'last ditch' arrangement on account of Mr. Hopkins."

RESOLUTIONS FOR HOPKINS.

There are 568 republicans from De Kalb, Kane, Will, McHenry, Dupage, Kendall and Grundy counties present at the gathering, in addition to over 150 from the city of Aurora. Judge George D. Brown of Dupage county was chairman, and Judge R. P. Goodwin of Kane was chairman of a committee which reported a set of resolutions which were unanimously adopted.

These resolutions, after reciting that the counties represented had been constant in their republicanism ever since 1858, and yet never had been represented in the United States senate, and after referring to Congressman Hopkins as a man whose long experience in the lower house of congress "fits him to become at once a leader in the senate in the United State" continue:

"Therefore, with perfect confidence in the justice of our position, we appeal to the republicans of the state to give our honored congressman, Albert J. Hopkins, their hearty and undivided support for the office of United States senator."

Mr. Hopkins was called in, but confined himself to expressing his thanks for the confidence shown in him. He said he had been urged by many friends to come out as a candidate for the senatorship, but had refused until his own neighbors should act, and accepted the indorsement by saying:

"From this moment I am and do hereby announce myself as a candidate for the United States senate from Illinois."

Other speakers were ex-Congressman R. A. Childs of Dupage, John A. Russell of Kane, Judge Donnelly of McHenry, and Senator Monroe and Mayor Barr of Will counties.

Samuel Drew of Will county hinted at the desire of the people of his county for a statement of Hopkins' position on the congressional question, when, among other things, he said:

"Will county never went back on its friends. It wants the same kind of treatment others get. We are with you on any fair proposition. As we stood by Cannon in the last senatorial fight, so will we stand by Hopkins."

Then he intimated that by a "fair proposition" he meant that if Kane county was to have a candidate for United States senator it should give Will a fair field for its congressional candidates.

A notable thing about the meeting was that in all the speeches the name of Governor Yates was not once mentioned.

HEDGES ON AN ISSUE.

After it was all over he was asked to make a statement as to his relations to the congressional nomination, but he would not respond.

"That is a matter for the future," said he, "and the congressional nomination has nothing to do with my candidacy for the senatorship."

"It is generally thought the remarks of Mr. Drew of Joliet were intended to draw a reply on that point," was suggested.

"I do not so understand them," answered Mr. Hopkins. "In fact, I find more anxiety expressed regarding the congressional nomination outside the district than inside of it."

Mr. Hopkins said he would announce his campaign committee in a week or so. He will go to Washington next week, and on his return will start out on a personal canvass of the state.

CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS.

So far the men talked of for the congressional nomination are: Howard Snapp and Colonel John Lambert of Will county, Edward C. Lovell, John Russell and J. M. Raymond of Kane county, Judge George D. Brown of Dupage county.

Saw Death Near.

"It often made my heart ache," writes L. C. Overstreet, of Elgin, Tenn., "to hear my wife cough until it seemed her weak and sore lungs would collapse. Good doctors said she was so far gone with consumption that no medicine or earthly help could save her, but a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery and persistent use of this excellent medicine saved her life." It's absolutely guaranteed for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma and all Throat and Lung diseases. 50c and $1.00 at J. E. King's, N. L. Krone's and H. W. Bell's. Trial bottles free.

ILLNESS FATAL

Hon. D. P. Keller Died Thursday Morning at His Home in Mowesqua.

HAD BEEN ILL BUT TEN DAYS

He Was Widely Known in This and Shelby County—Served in the Legislature—Other Mortuary Matters.

The death of D. P. Keller occurred at his home in Mowesqua Thursday morning at 5 o'clock. As stated in the Herald, Mr. Keller had been ill with pneumonia for the past ten days and on Wednesday afternoon it became apparent that he could not survive. Mr. Keller was widely known in Macon and Shelby counties.

He was born in Fairfield county, O., July 10, 1834, and there grew to manhood. In 1863 he enlisted in the federal army and went to the front, but was discharged in the following year, and compelled to return home on account of imperative business matters. In the following year he came to Illinois, settling first in Shelby county, but afterwards coming to Macon county and settling near the town of Macon. He invested in a farm of 240 acres for which he paid $31 per acre and for many years he was engaged in developing the land. He brought it to a high state of cultivation and when he retired from the active pursuits of agriculture he had one of the finest farms in the county. Mr. Keller was first married to Miss Mary Hampson, in 1856, but she died within a year. In 1859 he was married to Miss Rebecca McFarland, who with five children survive him. The children are: W. S. Keller of Des Moines, Ia., and A. R. Keller, a farmer near Walker. The daughters are Mrs. C. A. Hight of Dalton city, Mrs. Harry Bartlett of Milwaukee, and Mrs. George Daugherty of Mowesqua.

While engaged in farming Mr. Keller greatly improved himself, studying business and economic questions until he was possessed of a wide fund of information. As a young man he had the advantage of the best educational facilities of the day and on the foundation thus laid he constantly built.

He was a thorough republican and held many offices during his lifetime, serving his township and county and each time with credit to himself and his party. He was elected to the thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh general assemblies by the republican party and in that capacity proved himself a capable and intelligent legislator. After his last term he devoted his attention to banking, establishing banks at Mowesqua and Dalton City.

He proved to be a successful financier. Several years ago he united with the Methodist church and his funeral will be held from that church on Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

B. F. ROSS.

B. F. Ross died at his home in Maroa Thursday morning at 6:40 o'clock from Bright's disease, with which he had long been afflicted. He was a man 43 years of age and was well known in the northern part of the county, where he had lived for many years. Mr. Ross was a native of Fleming county, Ky., but had lived in this section of the state for many years. He is survived by his wife and three children, Nina Ross, Jay Ross and May Ross, and by his mother, Mrs. S. A. Ross and four brothers, A. F. Ross of Decatur, J. M. Ross of Forest, Ill.; George Ross of Vermont, Ill.; W. G. Ross of Maroa, Mrs. J. D. Leibler of Ospur, and Mrs. J. D. Lymen of Maroa.

The deceased was a member of the Christian church and also of the Modern Woodmen of America. He was held in high respect in the community in which he lived. The funeral will be held on Friday morning at 10 o'clock from the Christian church in Maroa.

Distinction Shown.

Miss Aldyth Irwin of Decatur has been shown some distinction by the faculty of the state normal school at Normal. She has been invited to serve as musical judge in the annual contest between the two literary societies of that institution on Thursday, Dec. 19. She will accept the invitation.

NICKEY HAS PLAN

By Which the Real Estate Records May Be Made More Intelligent

NAMED JANUARY GRAND JURY

Meriweather and Kirkman Named By Acclamation For Physician and Steward—Thursday's Proceedings.

Practically the only thing which has aroused the least discussion came before the board of supervisors on Thursday. It is a scheme suggested by Supervisor Nickey of Oakley. It has been suggested several times during the current meeting of the board, but the argument stage was not reached until Thursday evening. The discussion arose on a motion by Supervisor Nickey that the circuit clerk be directed to adopt at the earliest possible moment the tract system of indexing the real estate records. Under the system long in use in Macon county the names of the persons who sell land is indexed. There is no method by which one can turn to an alphabetical list and find who has purchased land. The tract system provides for the indexing of the names of the buyers the same as the sellers are indexed. Then it is the work of a moment to go over the index books and learn who has either bought or sold land. The system provides further that each section shall have reserved a certain portion of the records and in that portion shall be recorded the transfers of all pieces of property in that section. Such a system would enable any one go to the records and make an abstract of the property they desired to look after. A. G. Webber and G. V. Loring were invited to come before the board and tell what they knew of the advantages of the system proposed. They were both of the opinion that it was a good scheme. Alexander McIntosh was also called upon. He was not especially in favor of the plan. John Allen, circuit clerk, was called but he was non-committal. Finally the chair was instructed to appoint a committee of supervisors, who with Circuit Clerk Allen should be authorised to visit those counties where this system is in use and learn what advantages it would present.

LIGHT AND HEAT.

The public building committee reported that they had contracted with the Decatur Electric company to light the court house during the current year with electricity at the rate of 8 cents per thousand watts. This contract may be extended for five years. The report was approved. Later the same committee reported that they had contracted with the Whitmer company to heat the court house during the current season. The time at which the heat was to be shut off was May 15. Some of the board thought perhaps that date would be too early in the season and the report was recommitted.

NEW MATTRESSES.

Supervisor Tucker said that there was some complaint that the quarters used by jurors when they were out all night were not as good as they should be. The purchasing committee was instructed to investigate and report at once. Later this committee came in and said that they had ordered new matresses for the jury rooms.

CLERK MAY PAY.

On motion Supervisor Ward said that before the next meeting of the board a number of bridges now under construction would have been completed and at his suggestion the county clerk was authorized to pay the county's share of the cost of the work.

SOME OF THE BILLS.

Several committees reported claims they had audited as follows, all of the reports being approved: Private and public institutions, $455.60; pure aslug committee, $280.81; printing, $530.30.

ALLEN'S REPORT.

The report of John Allen, circuit clerk, was read and referred to the committee on fees and salaries.

POOR FARM.

Supervisor W. J. Magee, who had served as a committee of one in transacting business for the poor farm, reported for the last quarter. The receipts were $280.20; the expenditures, $356.71. From this it would appear that the farm was a tax upon the treasury. That, however, is not the case. Not a little of the business is transacted by the steward and therefor does not appear in the report of Supervisor Magee. The farm is self-sustaining and the supervisors who visited the institution on Wednesday were well pleased with the condition of the place.

SALARIES FIXED.

The committee on fees and salaries reported the salary of the county physician and the steward of the poor farm at $600 and $1000 respectively and the report was approved. As Dr. Tyler Meriweather and W. A. Kirkman were the only candidates for the positions they were elected by acclamation.

KELLER'S DUE.

The committee on fees and salaries reported that there was due John G. Keller, county superintendent, the sum of $871. The report was approved and a warrant ordered.

JANUARY GRAND JURY.

The members submitted the grand jurors for the January term of the circuit court as follows:

Austin—W. S. Richey.
Blue Mound—N. M. Mesnard.
Decatur—W. A. Morris, Jr., F. M. Dearborn, Andrew F. Lemings, George Turnbaugh, Mason E. Moore, Josephus Vest, A. T. Jackson.
Friends Creek—Marshall E. Clifton.
Harristown—G. J. Bernard.
Hickory Point—C. A. Thrift.
Long Creek—D. W. Underwood.
Maron—L. D. Adams.
Milam—Michael Graco.
Mt. Zion—J. B. Henry.
Niantic—Rufus Roberts.
Oakley—Edwin Huff.
Pleasant View—H. L. McCluskey.
Macon—Walter Baird.
Wheatland—O. M. Scott.
Whitmore—R. H. Phillips.

New York Stock Markets.

New York, Dec. 12.—Speculative liquidation continued in the stock market today, induced by stringency in the money market, which ran the call loan rate up to 12 per cent at one time and forced a good share of liquidation. Other selling was precautionary, in fear of still more stringent conditions in the money market. The rally came when the banks came into the exchange for the first time late in the day and offered large sums at the prevailing rate, which was at the high level. With satisfaction of the demand by these offerings the rate fell away and the pressure on the stock market quickly relaxed. There is nothing obscure about the situation of the money market. The surplus reserves is shown to be below seven million dollars in last Saturday's bank statement and with large seasonable requirements for credits known to be impending it was obvious the money supply would be limited. The outgo of gold is continuing in spite of the need for money, today showing the withdrawal of half a million dollars from the sub-treasury for shipments on Saturday, said to be for Brazil. A renewed demand for interior is also an unexpected development.

JUSTICE COURTS.

Justice McCoy yesterday gave his decision in the case of C. S. Hankins vs. Ed Dimock, in favor of the plaintiff. The case was one in which Hankins sued on a note dated in 1892, and neither the plaintiff nor the defendant could recall the consideration for which the note was given.

John Stewart was brought before Justice Smith Thursday for the second time within four days, charged with being drunk. He was fined the usual amount. Smith is the colored man who didn't want to accompany Patrolman Davenport to Short street station Monday night and then undertook to have a little rough house of his own on the depot platform.

Basket Social

Last Wednesday night a basket social was held at the Madison school, three miles northwest of Boody, and despite the bad state of the weather there was a large attendance. A box of candy was voted to the most popular young lady, Miss Bertha Huddleston winning the prize, with two hundred and twenty-five votes. A box of candy was also voted to the ugliest man and Charles Lebo was the winner. The affair was a success socially and financially, the school clearing $17.

Ladies to know that I do dressmaking, 1021 East Cantrell, in Riverside, on street car line. Mrs. H. L. Archer.

J. P. WINEBRENNER'S FUNERAL

Services Held Thursday From the Church of God.

The funeral of John Philip Winebrenner took place from the Church of God on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the service was well attended. They were conducted by Rev. D. H. Rupp, who spoke tenderly of the religious and pious life of Mr. Winebrenner and the good he had done for his brothers. Some of the examples of the tenderness of his nature were pictured by the preacher. A special quartet, composed of Mrs. Fritz, Clara Stare and Ella and Lillie Chandler furnished music for the services. The remains will be shipped this morning to Wooster, O., where his first wife is buried.

HIS LIFE.

John Winebrenner was well known in this city, at one time being one of the most prominent clothing salesmen of the city. He was born in Frederick county, Md., on Jan. 25, 1820. He was converted to the service of God when eleven years old. He was converted by the untiring efforts of his nephew, John Winebrenner, the founder of the Church of God. After his conversion he worked diligently for several years in helping his nephew spread the newly founded faith. He was married to Augusta A. Purdy at Hazerville, O., on Sept. 24, 1844, and with her he lived for ten years, moving to this city and being employed by the Race Clothing company as a salesman. His first wife died on May 31, 1892, and was buried at Wooster, O. Two years later he married Miss Mattie Blevaing and moved to Chicago, where he was employed with the Putnam Clothing company as floor walker. Later he moved back to Decatur and worked for the Ottenheimer company for six months, then going to the B. Stine company and was employed there until he was stricken with paralysis about twelve weeks ago. Death relieved him of his sufferings on Dec. 10. He was 84 years old and had been for seventy years an active church worker. He leaves no children.

MURDERED HIS MOTHER

Son Detected in Act of Robbery Commits An Awful Crime

Upper Sandusky, O., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Valentine Wisebaker was found murdered in her home today. Her son Jacob, who lives in another part of the town, was seen to leave the house early this morning. A search resulted in his dead body being found in the hay loft at Long's livery stable with a bullet wound in the temple. The revolver which he had bought an hour before was also found. It is thought the son's visit was for the purpose of robbery and being detected assaulted his mother and later committed suicide.

Of the soldiers in the civil war 48 per cent were farmers.

NEARBY TOWNS.

LONG CREEK.

Walter Greenfield's elder son, Leslie, is very sick with pleural pneumonia.

Ex-Sheriff Nicholson was a business visitor in Long Creek Monday.

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MT. AUBURN.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Margret, a son.

J. H. Smith visited in Decatur on December 7th.

Ed L. Smith made a business trip to Chicago last week.

John Barnes is erecting a new residence in the northwest part of town.

Edmond Everitt is building an addition to his residence.

The village board has ordered that all streets be opened by March 1.

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BOODY.

Fred Blankenship of Edgar, Neb., is visiting friends and relatives here.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Pistorius, a daughter.

The basket social at the Madison school house Wednesday night was a success.

John McKinney is building an addition to his house.

H. F. Suttman and family of Ann Arbor, Mich., are visiting here.

James Wornick returned from the vicinity of Pana Tuesday, where he purchased 100 acres of land and will make his future home there.

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MACON.

Clarence Naftel started to Louisiana last Tuesday on a business trip, expecting to visit Texas before he returns. Mrs. Naftel is very greatly improved, being able to walk about the house now. Master David is down with the fever.

Rev. E. J. Durham was able to preach Sabbath morning, the first time for weeks. There was no service at the M. E. church on Sabbath evening owing to the storm.

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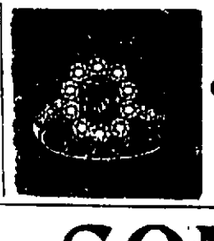

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